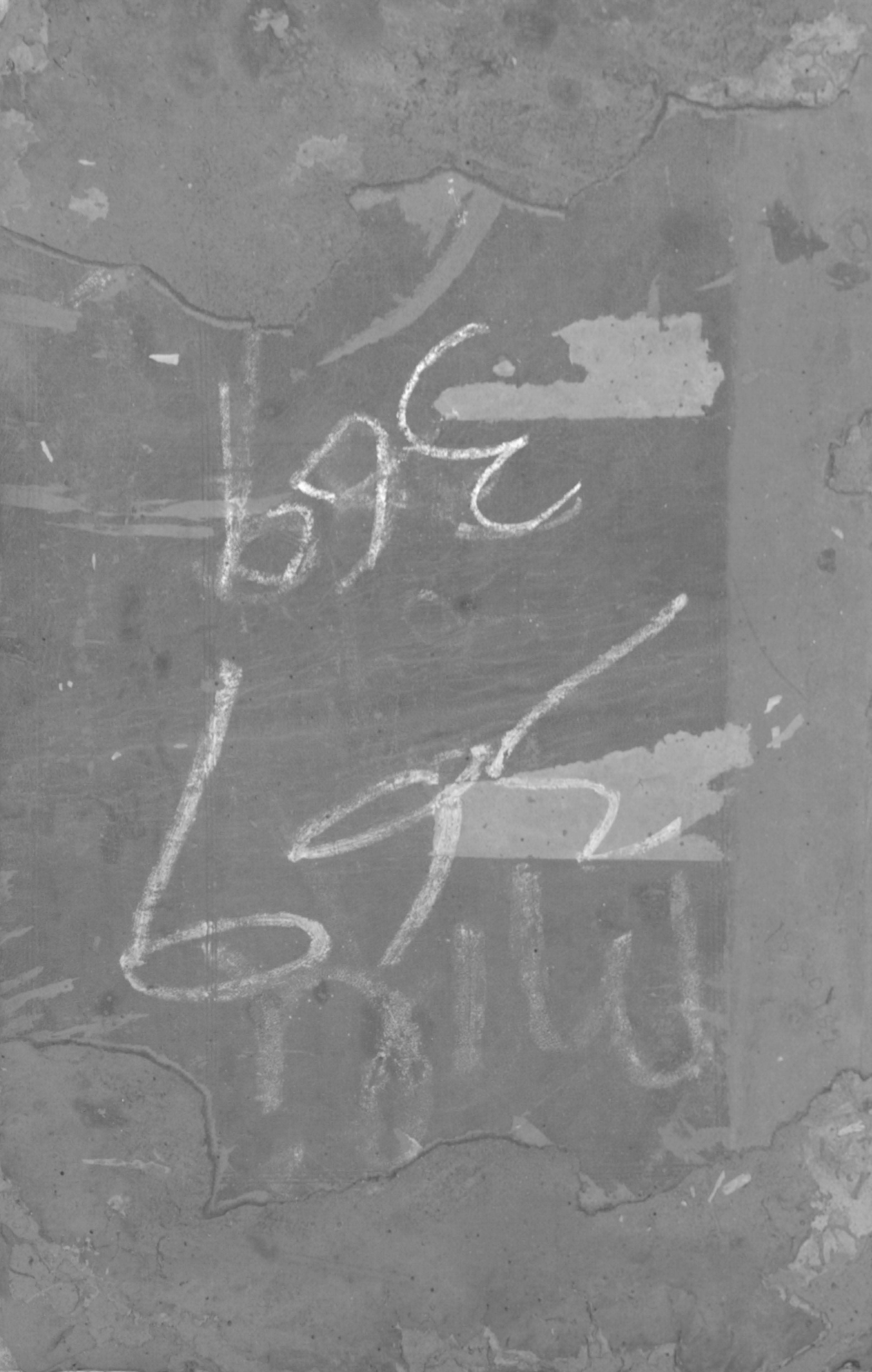


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9th June 1807	Ditto	From Major General Macdowall - Requests to be relieved from the duty of a Member of the Seringapatam Prize Committee. -
	5687	From Lieutenant Colonel Doveton - Reports the delivery of the Prize Jewels, to the Resident at Hydrabad, on account of the Nizam. -
	5689	Orders thereon. -
	Ditto	To the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara - Disapproves the detention at Cundapoor of part of the Crew landed from the Portuguese Wreck, and Conclud[es] that the orders, sent to him on the 13th Instant will have been executed on his receipt of this Letter. -
14th June 1807	5693	To the Officer Commanding the forces in Mysore Permitting him to resign his appointment as a Member of the Seringapatam Prize Committee. -
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Copy of letter from Major General Macdowall whose request therein has been Complied with - and observing that it is very desirable their Proceedings should be brought to an early termination. —

563 From the Secretary to the Government at Fort William. - With a Packet to the Secretary and Accountant to the Military Board. —

Ibid From the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief - Recommending an advance to Major Lloyd of the Bombay Establishment. —

564 From the Acting Brigade Major of His Majesty's Troops - For advances to Officers of His Majesty's Regiments being authorized. —

Ibid To the Military Auditor General - With Copy of letter from the Adjutant General to the King's Troops relative to furniture required for his Office - also from Lieutenant Stock, and desiring the allowances of that Officer may be paid to the person to

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he may empower to receive them - With an Extract from the Proceedings in this Department. -

5694 To the Military Auditor General - Desiring he will authorize an advance to Major Lloyd of the Bombay Native Infantry, also to certain Cadets of the Bombay Establishment - and to His Majesty's Officers belonging to Regiments lately arrived from England. -

5695 From the Military Auditor General. - Reporting on the General Estimate of Cash for payment of the Army for July 1807 -

Ibid To D°. D°. - Desiring he will authorize an advance to Lieutenant Hunter of the Bengal Native Infantry. -

Ibid To D°. D°. - With Copy of letter to & from the Secretary of the Government at Fort William, respecting an advance made to Captain Young of His Majesty's 34th Regiment. -

Ibid To the Chief Engineer and Military Auditor General with

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With Extract from Proceedings in this De-
-partment. –

5695 To the President and Members of the Seringa-
-patam Prize Committee – With Copy
of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Doveton. –

24th April 1807 – 5696 Minute of the Commander in Chief – Submits
the result of the Persian Interpreters Exa-
-mination of the Cadets at Cuddalore –
recommends Eighty Six Cadets for promo-
-tion; and records a favorable opinion of
the present state of the Institution. –

5712 Resolution thereon – The Commander in
Chief to state the Nature of the re-
-ward which it may be proper to es-
-tablish for existing emulation among
the Cadets – and to submit the Names
of the Three who most distinguished
themselves at the late examination a
G.O. to be hereafter published on
the subject. –

8th June 1807 – 5714 From the Military Board – Recommend
Bills and advances of Money. –

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		5716	Order thereon. —
20th March 1807.	Sec.	5717	From the Committee of Military Finance — suggest Regulations for the revisal of the Barrack Department, one of the Contract for Meat and Beef Hoofs in the Cavalry connected with the Establishment of Veterinary Surgeons. —
20th June	Do.	5728	To the Committee of Military Finance stating that the regulations — which they have submitted will be carried into effect from the 1st of August next — calling for the Statements which they were directed to prepare relative to the Agency for Cavalry Supplies, and for the purchase of Horses and desiring them to proceed to the discussion of the other subjects enumerated in their report of the 19th of December. —
5th	Do.	5730	From the Military Auditor General — Applies for the support of Government, and requests that the attention of the Army may be directed to the regulations

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		regulations which prescribe the mode of Appeal against retrenchments. -
12th June 1807	5739	From the Military Auditor General - In consequence of a reference from Major General Macdowall, submits the Question whether Major Generals on the Staff are entitled to Extra Tent Allowance while on tours of service. -
	5749	Resolution thereon. -
12th Oct	9 Inc	From the Military Paymaster General - The Paymaster at Masulipatam applies for leave to visit the Presidency. -
12th Oct	9	5754 From the Contractor for Victualling Prisoners of War - Asserts to the loss which he shall sustain - but Consents to dispose of his Grain on hand to the Grain Committee on the established terms. -
	5752	Order thereon. -
6th Oct	9 Inc	From the Officer Commanding in Travancore and Canara - Recommends that a degree of liberty may be allowed to Mr. Mc Pherson, and that

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that Mr. Aitkans may be pensioned on
14 rupees P. Month. -

20th June 1807 - 5754 - To the Officer Commanding in Malabar and
Canara - Leaves to his discretion the
degree of restraint to be imposed on
Mr. M.Pherson, but desires that mea-
-sures may be taken for sending him
to Bombay - grants to Mr. Aitkans a
pension of Rupees 14 P. Month. -

22d Do. Do. 5756 To the Accountant General - Desires
that the proper Officer be instructed
to call on Sir John Craddock for
the amount ordered by the Court
of Directors to be refunded by His
Excellency. -

5116. Fort St. George 4th May 1807

Diary

Received the following Letter.

To George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge

the receipt of your Letter of the 21st January with

its several Enclosures on the Subject of a Sum of

Money having been refused to Captain Custance of the

Madras Establishment While absent on Sick

Certificate at this Settlement, and in reply I am

directed to State to you for the information of the

Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that in

consequence of the expediency of limiting the Public

Expenditure here as much as possible during the

last year, this Government were under the

necessity of refusing several similar Applications,

but that the Honorable the Governor in Council

will now be happy to make Advances of Money

to such Officers of the Madras Establishment

Who

From the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George transmitting Captain Custance's Petition for Leave of Absence to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his Health, with a Certificate of his Medical Attendant in Support of the Application.

5117. Fort St. George, 1st May 1807

Who may in future come to this Island on Accounts of Sickness or otherwise according to the Mode suggested by the Military Auditor General contained in his Letter transmitted with your's above alluded to, and to grant them every other Accommodation within their power.

Fort Cornwallis
The 20th April 1807.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Raffles
Secretary to Government

Sent the following Letters.

To R. Parry Esq.re
Secretary to the Government
Fort William.

Sir,

To the Secretary of the Government at Fort William with Extract of Commander in Chiefs Minute for Payment of advance for Passage Money to Ensign Creighton of this Establishment proceeding for England - Also regarding Stores landed at Bengal instead of Ganjam as stated in Extract of Letter from Military Board -

1 Para

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will submit to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the enclosed Extract of a Minute recorded by the Commander in Chief, in order that Authority may be given for the payment at Fort William of the usual advance of Pay and Allowance for Passage Money to

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29 to Ensign Crighton of this Establishment, —
permitted to proceed to England from Bengal
on Sick Certificate.

2. I have the honor to enclose the extract
of a Letter from the Military Board at this —
Presidency, and am directed to request that you
will obtain the determination of the Honorable —
the Governor General in Council regarding the —
disposal of the Stores which having been Shipped
for Ganjam are stated to have been conveyed to
Bengal, instead of having been landed at the
place of destination. —

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

Fort St. George
29th May 1807 —

/Signed/ G. Strachey
Secretary to Government

To R. Parry Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort William.

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Right —
Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge
the

To the Secretary of the Government at Fort William with the Copy of the Explanation afforded by Captain Read of the H. C. S. marked in pencil of Letter.

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the receipt of your Letter of the 22d. January last

2. The Commander of the Honorable Companys Ship Marchioness of Exeter having in obedience to the orders of the Supreme Government submitted an explanation of his conduct in the case referred to in your Letter, I am directed to transmit to you the inclosed Copy of that explanation and to request that you will lay it before the Honorable the Governor General in Council.

3. I am further directed to request you to acquaint the Governor General in Council, that a Copy of Captain Nash's explanation has been furnished to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

/Signed/ G. Strachey

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
29th May 1807.

To the President

and Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

Para 1. I am directed by the Right Honorable

To the Military Board
Authorizing execution
of

the

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of the works, payment of Bills, and advance of Money recommended. actual repair of European Barrack at Masulipatam to be postponed. Referring Copy of Letter from Commanding officer at Vellore on employing Coolies to clean the Ditch.

The Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 14th and 18th Instant, and to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council is pleased to authorize the execution of the Works and the payment of the Bills and advance of Money therein recommended.

2. Adverting however to the representation which you have recently submitted regarding the conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Norris, His Lordship in Council deems it to be proper that the actual repair of the European Barrack at Masulipatam as proposed by that Officer, should be for the present postponed.

3. I am directed to refer for your consideration the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Commanding Officer at Vellour, regarding the employment of Coolies in clearing the Ditch of that Fortress.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most

obedient Servant

(signed) G. Strachey

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
29th May 1807.

Revised

5121. Fort St. George 1st May 1807.

Received and Sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. and 102.—

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort Cornwallis— From Mr. Raffles— Having Received a Document of the rate of Allowances to Prisoners of War at Fort St. George.—

From the Military Paymaster General— From Mr. Roebuck— With Copies of the Poonah Paymasters Registers of Bills on the Presidency in March and April.—

To the Secretary to the Government at Bengal— To the Secretary to the Government at Bengal— With Copy of Letter to the Honorable Court of Directors by way of Bengal.—

To the Military Auditor General— To the Military Auditor General— To authorize payment of Bills and advances of Money recommended by the Military Boards.—

To Ditto To Ditto— With Pay/Triplicate/— Certificates of Officers returned to India by Ship Union.—

To Ditto To Ditto— With Extract from Proceedings in this Department.—

To the Military Paymaster General— To the Military Paymaster General— With Copies of Reports from the Accountant Genl.

and

5122. Fort S.t George 4th May 1807

and Military Auditor General on Subjects submitted by him—

30th Received and Sent the following—

Letters entered in M.r B.r N.os 103. 104. and 105.—

From Colonel Forbes— Having—

From the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara—

ordered an Escort for Treasure from the Principal Collector of Malabar.—

To the Military Auditor General—

To the Military Auditor General—

Directing authority for payment of an advance of Money recommended by the Military Board.—

To the Town Major— With Extract

To the Town Major of Fort S.t George—

from Proceedings in Council.—

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5123. Fort St. George 3d. June 1807

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

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

Commander in Chief

Wednesday the

3rd. June 1807.

William Petrie

and

Thomas Oakes

} Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The following Minutes having returned from Circulation are ordered to be recorded.

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Commander in Chiefs Minute stating detailed Opinions on orders of 30th. July respecting Military Recommendations, and other important Regulations.

Were my Situation in this Country any other than what it is awaiting the first moment of Propriety to leave this Command, and return to Europe I might incur the Suspicion of a personal Interest in the Observations, which my Duty compels me to offer to the Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors,

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Directors, upon the recent orders of the 30th. July respecting Military Recommendations, and other important Regulations; but as my immediate Departure must relieve me from all such — Imputation, perhaps a Worthier Motive may be ascribed to the Sentiments I shall take the Liberty to express, which, while they partake of the high — Respect, I bear to the orders of the Honorable Court, will at the same time, not lose that Candor, And decorous Freedom proper to convey Truth and discharge the Dictates of a Mind entirely devoted to their — Interests, as long as I have the Honor to retain any Situation in their Service —

As implicit obedience to the late orders both in their Letter, and Spirit will mark my Conduct, as long as I remain, I have the less Hesitation to lay before the Honorable Court my — opinion of the dangerous Consequences, that may result from the extensive Reduction now — established, of the Influence of the Commander in Chief, in Military Appointments or from the more important Transfer of those Functions of his

Offic

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Offer, that hitherto constituted the principal Duties.—

I will venture to state without Hazard of Disproof that the Situation of the Commander in Chief on the Establishment of Fort St. George as it stands at this Moment, exhibits a Picture of Military Command, that has no Resemblance whatever to the same Station, in any Part of his Majesty's Dominions, in as much as he neither possesses the same common Means of Military Ascendancy nor is he called upon, nor will he be entitled in future, to perform those Military Acts of Arrangement, upon which rest the very name of his Appointment or even the Necessity of its further Existence.

I had been sanguine in the Hope that the able arguments of my Predecessor built as Imagined on the Foundations of Facts and genral Principles might have availed, but as they proved unsuccessful. I cannot expect to lead the same Path, With more Effect. I shall therefore endeavour to confine myself to the direct

Reasoning

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Reasoning of Facts, that cannot be set aside, and only state the observations of my own Experience.—

If in the Course of Explanation, the appearance of contention force it's way, among the Remarks, I am compelled to Submit, upon several Passages of the late Military Letter, I trust to the Liberality of the Honorable Court that they will extend Indulgence, in favor of my respectful Intentions, and my ardent Desire to avoid offence.

The General Instruction commences "with the Principle "That it is necessary, especially in the Subordinate Governments in India, as their respective Governors stand in great Need of all advantageous Support, to give every Aid to their Authority, and to exalt their Elevation, and Dignity to the highest Point of Consideration".—

It never admitted of the smallest Doubt, that the Government itself should be esteemed as possessed of entire Authority, both "practical and Theoritical," to control, reject or establish all Military Recommendations laid before them, and to examine and Sanction all the Movements of

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the Troops, and to alter or approve any proposed Distribution, or Cantonment, of the Army, but the Introductory averrall, in the late orders, reduces that unit to a much Narrower Limit, affects the leading Principle of the General Sway of Government, and the Question virtually remains whether the Military Interests of the State will be better managed, under the Supremacy of the President, as the Arrangement stands at this Day, or under the Subordinate Agency of the Commander in Chief prior to the Receipt of the late orders.—

The Apprehension of immediate Ill is not within my view, for Accident at this Period has placed the Ruling Power in a Situation that affects the Force of present argument, and while I state the Fatality of Inexperience, and the want of Military knowledge, it is to a future Time I must direct the Attention.—

The Subject comprehends two Points—

First—As it is called, Military Patronage—but which would be more properly designated—

Recommendation

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Recommendations to Military Situations -

Secondly - The new, and important system, "That all Regulations for the Disposition, Cantonment and Distribution of the Company's Troops should in future be framed, and brought forward by the President -

"While the awful Words" "that the Commander in Chief is individually" - "responsible to the Indian Government" "and the British Nation" "for the Discipline", "Good order" "and Efficiency of the Army", stand before my view in conspicuous characters, in the present Dispatch, as a Soldier, and a Man of Feeling the Question can be no longer one of Indifference, or Disregard, nor can any obedience or false Respect stifle the Enquiry, if the Military Means within my Power are equal to the Object, whether the future Exercise of my Command presents the reasonable Prospect, that I can do Justice to my Honorable Employers, my Country, or my own Character, and Whether it is prudent, against the voice of my own Profession, and

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the Admonitions that arise out of every Event, that reaches our knowledge, or may be extracted from every Publication, at the most fearful — Period in which the world was ever placed, to enter upon a Career full of Novelty, distinct from Military Principles and with the prevailing View to encrease the Dignity of the President, the old Characteristic Functions of the Commander in Chief are — abandoned Duties, that were supposed to give — Security to the State, and constituted the Essence of his appointment, and which cannot be transacted by another, but with his Degradation —

It will be acknowledged, I believe by every Military man that Regimental Promotion in an Army is the object of every Officer's Hopes — and Fears; that Whatever acts upon that mind — upon which his Mind is ever fixed, will chiefly excite his Exertions, his obedience, Respect, and — Gratitude — Give this Power or Withold it from the Officer Commanding in Chief any Army, and his Exaltation, or Depression is the exact consequence —

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—From the Constitution of this Service the Commander in Chief is bereft of all that Power which, if he did possess, might stand in the Place of all other, but as Seniority alone determines Promotion in the Company's Army the Approbation, or the Contrary of the Commander in Chief is of no Effect, in Whatever respects the Regimental Line of Duty — His Authority runs invariably the dreary Course of Punishment by a Court Martial, but can never brighten into Reward —

It is needless I am persuaded to pursue this Subject into Detail — It is one that requires but the Mention to produce the full Effect and exhibits the powerless situation of the Commander in Chief; for every Man who studies human Nature will agree, that some Capability of Benefit is required, to ensure obedience of Respect among all Bodies of Men, and that it will be in vain to invite to "Discipline," "Good Order" and Efficiency through the Penalties of Punishment alone, if —

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unaccompanied on the other Hand, by the
allurements of Interest or Gratification.

That the Power of Reward is the
better Engine to promote Good order, and lead
to Military Excellence, than any attempts to
awe or alarm. I have only to State, that when in
my Zeal for the Public Service, not long ago, upon
a Case of considerable and repeated Irregularity,
I hazarded the Expression, that I would endeavour
to obstruct the Promotion of the Individual,
till better Conduct, a Flame arose through the
younger Ranks of the Army, and Papers were
circulated in Reprobation of my Conduct, as
having outstepped the Bounds of my Power,
Which I could only quench by laying the Case
before Government, for the earliest Transmission
to the Honorable Court of Directors. This Incident
gives the real History of the Regimental Situations
allotted by the late orders, that to the Eye of
Inexperience, would form so great a Part of the
Patronage of the Commander in Chief, and ever

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admit the Phrase of Recommendation in the daily Papers laid before Council.—

When it is known, that every Officer in this army looks to Appointments Extra Regimental, and Courts the attainment by the most active and sedulous Means, and that unless some Situation, beyond the Function of Regimental Duty is either conferred upon him, or held out to his View he conceives himself deserted, or in a degraded Light, / my Statement will not be denied / the Inference will surely follow, that his Chief Who is precluded from the Means of Assistance, cannot be the object of his Respect, and that he will conceive it is a Sacrifice thrown away to engage his Regards by good Conduct or exertions, and that his Interest will be more advanced by employing some of the thousand other ways than Merit to attract Notice, and gain his Point— I should suppose, if Common Perceptions are granted to the Commander in Chief he will always Reward the

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A Desert of a Military Man, in a juster Manner, than any other Person, and to the greatest Stock of Public Advantage, as his own Success, and his own Reputation enter into the Value of the Purchase.—

If it is stated, that by this present Arrangement a certain Portion of the Executive Staff is given to the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, and thereby all the required Purpose of Discipline is secured. I must take the Liberty to explain, that these Offices are but very few, and certainly not those to which much Value or Gratification is attached — They must be filled by the Persons peculiarly qualified, or of the lowest Ranks, but the great Mass of the Army remain untouched by any Power left with him to excite their Exertions. — In what Manner can the Commander in Chief reward any meritorious Commanding Officer of a Corps, upon whom depends, in fact, the Discipline of the Army: What Reason has he, beyond the common Discharge of Duty, to engage the Approbation of the

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the Commander in Chief, for in no Shape, can he and his views, in the Attainment of a Command, or in the trivial Preference even of a Quarter? No Part of this Picture is colored beyond the Fact— It is the faithful Representation of the present Day.—

The Subject of Commands or rather the "Word," demands a Special Explanation, for I am persuaded it is misunderstood, and thence may arise the existing Regulation, for otherwise, I beg Permission to assert, a Principle is adopted different from any other Military Arrangement, within my knowledge.—

It appears necessary to recall to Attention, What has always been admitted to the fullest Extent, that every Situation, that bears affinity in the most remote Degree, to the Political Line should be Bona Fide at the complete Selection of the Government, but this Present universal Direction, that the Appointment to "All Divisions of the army," Districts, Forts

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Forts, and Stations, should be vested exclusively in the President, goes in its Detail, and Execution, I conceive, much further than was intended for, in its Examination, it will be found, that it deprives the Commander in Chief of the common Means to discipline the Army, and transfers to the President that internal Regulation, which is inseparable from the Situation of the Commander in Chief as long, as it shall appear Necessary to retain the Appointment —

To Persons acquainted With the present State of India, it is superfluous to describe — that no Military Officer, whoever, has any Control in any Quarter, unconnected With the Discipline of his Force — That no Command of any "Division," District, "Fort, or "Station "gives him the Shadow or Pretence to Civil Authority — That he is not only, not called upon, but that he dare not exercise any Power, beyond the internal Regulations of his Troops — That, in plain Fact, he is there "in any one of the Situations "specified" as he would be in England, a Simple

Executive

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Exercising Officer to pursue his Drill, attend his Parades, and promote Discipline — I may now ask the direct Question, — Is the Commander in Chief in England, or Ireland / Implore Pardon / for the Liberty of introducing an Illustrious Name / debarred of the Power of saying What Officer / shall command at Ipswich, or Colchester, at Cork, or Belfast? And through the inevitable / operation of the late orders, Who shall command this Brigade or that Battalion? are they debarred from the Power of appointing such an Officer to a Common Military Function, Whose abilities, or Habits are peculiarly suited to the Duty / required of Him — Is it left to a Civil Person to determine, Who shall command at Dover Castle or Land Guard Fort, at Spike Island or the Passes of the Shannon, and that it is only When the / Enemy arrive at the Gates, that it is thought / necessary to take the Appointment into Military / Consideration — The Reverse of the existing / Arrangement is the case in England, and every / Military Command I ever witnessed — As no

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usage supports, the present Arrangement elsewhere
It cannot be viewed but in the Light of Experiment
And will it be maintained the Circumstances of
India either in her Internal or External Position,
at such a Period as the present, authorize a
Departure from all the established Maxims of
Experience and Practice.

I am as forward as any Person can
possibly be to pay the most unbounded Respect
to the office of President I feel that his situation
should be elevated by every mark of external
Splendor, that every other Functionary should be
considered in the Light of distant Inferiority — And
that, as his Responsibility is great, and it may be
said Individual, in the Civil and Political Line,
Should every Authority of that Nature be entrusted
by him, to the utmost Extent of the Indian
Constitution — But if Responsibility is the Limit
of all delegated Power and that such is more
affixed to the Situation of Commander in Chief
in Terms, that almost appal, has he not a fair
Claim to the same Consideration in the Military

Lines

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Line, where Errors never Must Excuse; and no Examination of Dates will effect Exculpation? Is it only at the Instant of immediate Danger, that the " Course of science is to be pursued? Can Skilful " Appointments, or wise Dispositions be the Effect of the first Moment of Necessity?—

I am now led to that Part of the late Military Despatch which directs the President to frame, and bring forward, in future all Regulations relative to the Disposition, Cantonment and Distribution of the Companys Troops.—"

The Discussion of this Part of the " Subject overwhelms me with Difficulty. for I scarce know how to pursue the Explanation, in Terms that may not subject me to the Hazard of Offence.—

The Pending Question may admit of Argument and has its various Supporters but the present, I believe occasions but the Single " Sentiments of Surprize.—

I would respectfully solicit to know from whence can be its origin? As it has no " Resemblance to any known Institution, or order

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of Things to what Meditation or view of the Subject it owes its Birth?

It is an alteration of such deep Convulsion in all that regards the best Duties of the Commander in Chief; and is such an overthrow of all the Established Discharge of Function, so fixed by Prescription, and so unalienable in Imagination that I see not the Power, how a Man of Military Feeling can remain or accept the situation.

It would give me Pain to be misunderstood for a Moment, I therefore hasten to the most unqualified Declaration that Government must be considered supreme in the Disposition of the Troops that every Proposition, upon this Subject should be laid before them, and no Step adopted Without the Sanction and direct Authority of the President in Council — All my Representations will but reach that the Commander in Chief should labor in his Profession, that his mind be suffered to meditate how the Army may be best distributed, under the Information imparted to him, or the orders he may receive, and that he may lay before the Government the

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the Military Arrangements he may conceive necessary.

"To that Moment he discharges a Duty that seems to be
his own, from Fitness and supposed Reputation —
Then succeeds the undisputed Power of the President
in Council to approve alter or reject the Plan — Respon=
=sibility then assumes a Shape, will be carried to its
due Account, and future Judgement, if required, "
passed in Justice, and Without confusion. —

If in every Situation of Military "
Command, this Common Procedure take Effect, the
Question follows, What may be the Circumstances in
this Part of India, the most exposed of all the "
Possessions, that justify the present Deviation — The
received Opinion supported by the Course of "
Experience, seems to favor the Principle that as far
as the just Limits of Expence Will permit, a due
Preparation, or rather a Non — Relinquishment of
the Arts of war Should ever prevail — The universal
Want of Faith in the Chiefs, the absence of all fixed
Principles, leaves their Conduct never to be depended
on and at no Moment of the Suspension of
Hostility, are all the Military maxims of "
Foresight

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Foresight and Precaution to be abandoned — All the Regulations of the Establishment breath that Spirit and the first Allowance that places the Army for ever in the Field, and rejects the Notion of Quarters, awaits the warlike Principle that used to prevail in India. and Govern the Distribution of the Troops —

If this be the Case, if it is added to a thousand fold by an existing War with France, can Reason Approve that the Distribution of the Army should be taken out of the Province of the Commander in Chief. And passed over altogether to the President of Fort St. George, however accomplished may be his Character as a Statesman.

In these unfortunate Days of universal War Military Inquiry is the Subject of every Mans Thoughts, and No Person is now to be informed, that it is the Arrangement prior to actual Battle, that it is the happy Disposition of Troops, previous to the Approach of the Enemy — That is to obtain Defence or insure attack — That all the first moments of a Campaign are precious

That

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that, as early advantages have been secured or Neglected, ultimate success has been the Result— In short that the first Faults are seldom to be recovered— All this is the Common Topick of the Day, and requires no Illustration. It only remains to say that by the Nature and the Words of the late Orders, as the Duty, so has all this Responsibility been transferred from the Commander in Chief of the Coast Army, to the President of Fort Saint George—

It may be argued that the President will consult the Commander in Chief, and perhaps substitute the Acts of the General for his own— But this entirely depends upon Will, and all Will is Subject to Change, dictated upon by the infinite Varieties of human Imperfection— It does not even seem encouraged by the late Regulations, for the express Terms, to "frame as well as bring forward the Distribution of the Army, prescribe the Duty, Without Alternative, And the Commander in Chief cannot interfere Without Encroachment upon Supposed

Rights

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Rights and Exposure to the well known
Evils of Jealousy —

The Terms of the Military Letter
Rem — of the Distribution &c. of the Companys
Troops — I will not allow myself to admit the
Idea, that there is any Reserve on the Subject
not to Comprehend his Majesty's Regiments as
it is my leading Principle to Stifle all
Distinction, one common Lot should attend both
Services. but still I pause on the Opinion that
his Majesty may approve of a Disposition of
the British Regiments, in which his Chief
General Officer had no Part. and which may
eventually, through Ignorance, or Want of
Military Habits bring Disgrace upon his
Arms —

To pursue the common Duties of
the Commander in Chief, & direct Favor must
now be asked on every occasion, from the
President, and a partial Surrender of his
Authority solicited, an Ardent Desire to advance
the Service, and reward Merit will induce me

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the Zealous Officer to go far, but the Mortifications of Denial may be often experienced, and the Generous Mind will even sicken under the — Sense of incessant obligation — I speak according to Human Nature, and perhaps, it does not color the Picture too high, if I say, that it may be — found in the Course of events, that Solicitations will have to stoop much lower, and that — success, and the Interests of the Army, and the Service, must be sought indirectly and through inferior Channells, among those who really advise and undertake to perform the Military — Business —

This Extreme convulsion in the Military System arrives at a Period, both of — General, and domestic Consideration, the least favorable for Innovation, at a Time, both of the — World and of India, when there should be a perfect Union of Sentiments, when we should — take examples from every Nation in Europe, and give to the Military Establishment, all its — Appropriate Energies — It is impossible to say, —

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When the Hour of Hostility may reach these Shores and I will not idly or dishonestly flatter you by giving the Opinion, that we are in a proper State to meet a Foreign Foe — that Enemy, that overwhelms at this day Europe, through its Military Mind, and just Direction of the Military Powers.

Late Events have led to much knowledge, and it is certain that Regimental Duties in this Army, are not considered in the important Light they demand, the Character of the Sepoy has not of late been attended to, and the European Officers have suffered to pass away from them all Influence to the Native commissioned Officers. Who, too often, abuse the Confidence, and either usurp a dangerous authority, or disgust the Sepoy.—

It is to be lamented, as the Source of all Military Evils, that most of the able Officers of this Army are carried off from their Regiments to Staff and other Employments — It is not only the Emolument, but the Fashion

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of the Service, and the Injurious Fact is, that no Officer remains happy with his Corps— Could I send these Officers, I will call it more of a Civil than Military Staff, back to their Regiments, I might have Room for Exultation, instead of Complaint— As it is, the Army never can be what it ought to be, under the present System— Unless Regimental Excellence is upheld, and every Military Reward carried to that Account by the discerning Hand of Power, wherever it is lodged, that Military Spirit that has so long distinguished this Army will fade away, and when we want it most, for the Day of French Hostility will come sooner or later, we shall lament its Loss, and suffer the Reproach that we were even active in its Destruction— In Times of Peace in this enervating Climate where Idleness or Languor must prevail, it requires every Effort to keep alive the Spirit of War and if a few Moments of Apparent Tranquillity are to deaden every active Principle, and change the Military Course from all its accustomed

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Accustomed Operation, it may be impossible to revive that Ardor, or awaken the dormant Powers of the State, before Misfortune entirely surround us. It is the Duty of the Commander in Chief in every foreign Possession especially to retain every Military Circumstance in that State, that a Transition from Peace to War will scarcely be felt, is no Surprize, and will not be undertaken at a Disadvantage. Such is his Responsibility, and this article may be added to the Others of awful Charge.

While the fullest Latitude of the Disposition of the Army throughout this immense Region, in the most unqualified Manner is given to the President, and that he is equally unrestricted in the Appointment of every Officer to Command, I see no Power left with the Commander in Chief to secure his Reputation or Command Respect, and that as he does not possess the Means to do his Duty, he

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must disclaim Responsibility.—

The distinguished Nobleman who now fills the Chair, who Sought and accomplished this Work is, I am persuaded, too good a Soldier; and professes too much Military Feeling, and Mind, not upon Reflection, to view the Overthrow of his own Profession with Regret, and that he will accept his present Trust with some Reluctance.—

It appears Necessary to form some detailed Arrangement for the future Mode of Carrying on the Military Business, as the Services of those Officers, the Adjutant General, and Quarter Master General, more immediately, attached to the Commander in Chief, seem Now to be required to a great Extent, on the Part of the President to furnish the Necessary Materials for the Distribution of the Army, and the Appointment to Commands involving, within its Operation, Nominations to Corps, which will demand daily

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attention.—

Madras
28th. March 1807.—

/Signd/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

Minute of the President

Presidents Minute—In reply to the Commander in Chiefs. minute of the 28th. ult. states his opinion with respect to the meaning of the orders of the Honble Court on the Subject of Military Patronage and the mode in which they should be carried into effect—

The recent Orders of the Court of Directors relative to the long disputed question of Military Patronage are expressed in so clear and distinct a manner as apparently not to admit of misunderstanding. In reference however to that part of those Orders which direct that the President shall frame and Submit to Council the distribution &c.a of the Troops. It seems to me that the Commander in Chief has given them a Construction far beyond the intention of the Honorable Court.—

It appears to me that in point of fact the alteration here directed by the Court is one of form only.— The duties and responsibility of the Commander in Chief remain exactly as they were.— Nor do I conceive that either the duties or the responsibility of the President

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have undergone any alteration — This change of
form both in regard to the efficiency and —
distribution of the Army will be found to be
perfectly immaterial — But on another point
of view in restoring the Constitution of the —
Indian Governments to the Apparent intention
of the Legislature which in the General —
Arrangement of every Branch of the Service, has
Appointed the President the Head and Organ
of the Government, assisted in the different
Departments of the Service by each Member —
separately and in the general direction controuled
by all the Members collectively the alteration
in question is most important and will be
most effectual —

When the Court of Directors —
say that their President shall frame and —
propose the distribution of Troops. it is not
to be infer'd that the Court considered their —
President in general a civilian to be more —
Capable of forming Military Arrangements —
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that army he is not less accountable as well for the advice he may give, as for refusing or neglecting to give advice When he ought to do so. According to my Judgement a Governor Would be perfectly exculpated from any failure arising from imperfect or erroneous Military Arrangement Who might be enabled to declare The Commander in Chief advised it or did not "advise otherwise". If this interpretation be correct, it will I think Clearly appear that for every Military purpose the present orders have in no respect changed the duties of the Commander in Chief or the efficiency of the Military Department is depending upon the Professional Knowledge of that Officer – It is a Change in form only and the effects of that change as intended by the Court. I shall proceed to describe – I shall Merely add in allusion to the last Paragraph of the Commander in Chiefs Minute Which adverts to the detailed arrangements made Necessary by these orders,

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and to the supposed occupation that the
President may have for the adjutant and
Quarter Master General, that I conceive that
I shall have no more occasion to employ these
Officers than before — I shall expect to receive
from the Commander in Chief Statements
framed by the Adjutant General and Quarter
Master General of the ordinary Promotions and
movements of Troops when necessary, which
I shall propose in Council as a matter of
course — All Subjects of a particular Nature
will be previously discussed by the Commander
in Chief and myself and if I approve his
Suggestions, I shall propose them in Council
if not the Commander in Chief if he sees fit
will do it in Person —

The Commander in Chief in
reference to the effect of these orders has appealed
to my own feelings as a Soldier, and has
expressed his persuasion that "I professs too much
Military feeling and mind" Not upon reflection
to undervalue of my own profession
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with regret, and that I shall accept the present trust with some reluctance — If this effect were to be produced — I should indeed lament the opinions I had given — But I am convinced that no bad and very good consequence will ensue — Each Authority will have that power and influence which is necessary to the due efficiency of the subordinate and component parts of the constitution and to the maintenance of the Whole in union in energy, and in subordination — The Commander in Chief in his seperate Capacity is responsible only for the efficiency and for the discipline of the army — To effect this I venture to assert without fear of contradiction that he has more patronage and a more unlimited selection of his own Staff Officers and of every instrument without exception who are employed for this purpose than the Commander of any part of the British Forces out of India or even I may add that His Royal Highness the Commander

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in Chief of all the British Troops himself — The Commander in Chief feels that he will lose a considerable portion of his Consequence and influence — This no doubt will follow, but before this result can be regretted in a public point of view it must be asked whether this monopoly of Influence is necessary to the duties assigned to the Commander in Chief — Individually, and if not indispensable whether it will not give to his Authority greater weight on the Constitution than is Salutary — If the Governments were always unanimous, the power over the Minds of the Army possessed by the Commander in Chief would be of little consequence — It would be always exercised in unison with the Spirit of the orders of the Supreme Authority. But when that happy coincidence of Sentiment does not prevail — it is evident that the Sentiment of the Army may take a direction and be as entirely — different from that of the Government — and for this Reason I cannot but consider it —

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most important that the least possible share of influence beyond the Authority necessary to inforce obedience should be left with the Commander in Chief, and the greatest possible share with the Head of the Government whom the Legislature and the Court of Directors have principally considered as most responsible, and most interested in conducting all individuals all departments and establishments in unity of action and sentiment in the one great Object the prosperity and welfare of that State.

I shall conclude this Minute with adverting to that opinion of the Commander in Chief which would disseminate a Command at Ipswich or at Lennigerum in the one in India. It is stated that in neither instance has the Officer any Authority whatever, that he has simply his Military Duties to perform, which principally regard the discipline of the Army and that such appointments therefore should be at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief. It is admitted

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that there are same Commands of a Political Nature — The Principal of these are understood to be Hydrabad, Seringapatam, and others — and it is also admitted that independent of the qualifications for Field Service, the Selection of the Officer is a point of great delicacy and importance — It is errons to remark Not-Withstanding that these Officers have no Authority Whatever neither Civil or Political — they have simply the Military Command of their Force. These Commands are termed Political Commands, not from any Political duties Which the Officers holding them have to exercise, but for the Political mischief and Consequences Which may arise if the Commanding Officer does not act in perfect consonance With the System of Policy Which may have occasioned the Arrangement placing a Military Force in this or that Position — at Hydrabad Where a Foreign Force is Stationed at the Capital of an independant Power it is self evident how urgent the Necessity, and still how great the difficulty. That the

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Commanding Officer in particular and that the Body of Strangers under him should in all respects avoid giving offence and umbrage to the Native Prince and his own Troops. It is of all Situations that which requires the greatest circumspection conciliation and firmness — In Mysore Where the Government is independent though the Power is dependent the Duties of the Commanding Officer are different though no less delicate and important — There His chief care is to Stand between our own Troops and the Native Government To protect the Latter — to treat all their Officers with respect and to impress them with the feeling that the British Troops are their best Friends and their best support — These duties are however all of a Military Nature totally unmixed with Civil or Political Authority — It is not the Authority but the particular circumstances incidental to those Commands which constitute the entire difference between the duties of an Officer in a high Station in India and one in England

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England: It is the very peculiar and extraordinary Situation of the British Empire in this Country in regard both to its Civil and Foreign Policy, our extensive territory, an immense Foreign Population, the very small proportion of Europeans employed in the Government. which must necessarily make the acts of every Officer of importance — An assimilation of duties where every thing is different seems perfectly inconsistent — In a Foreign Possession held by the Sword the Civil Government must in every part of its Operation be materially interested by the conciliation, the firmness and the honor of the Officer having local Command —

It only now remains for me to submit for the confirmation of the Board the interpretation here given of the relative duties of the President and of the Commander in Chief under the late orders of the Court of Directors —

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11th May 1807 —

Signed W. Bentinck
Minute

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Minute of the Commander in Chief

Commander in chief's Minute - In reply to the above objects to the Presidents or Explanation of the Court's orders, and proposes that either they should be literally observed, or not be carried into effect without a further reference to England -

It is not my Intention to enter into any reasoning upon the Minute of the Right Honorable the President of the 11th Instant on the Subject of the Military Situation of the Commander in Chief; as I wish to rest my representation on what I have already stated, the Fact and Details of which to my surprise and Concern have but little excited his Lordships attention - They stand precisely as I adduced them, & the Judgement is still called upon to compare the Force, and decide between a General argument and Established Practice between the Admonition of School, and the results of Experience -

The late Orders from the Honorable Court of Directors are to my view as clear and explicit as possible / such as might be expected from the extreme deliberation that attended their Formation / and seem to preclude the necessity of Interpretation. I see therefore nothing but Hazard of Deviation, in giving to them any supposed Meaning than seems

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do not convey — All solution or Explanations is dangerous, as it Subjects the Whole Arrangement to the Fluctuation of Will, and may frustrate the very Object of that Settlement, which the Honorable Court of Directors in Terms of Satisfaction, proclaim final — The President of this Day may not chuse to Assume to Himself those Privileges which the Honorable Court invest him with, his moderation or discretion may induce him to place his Prerogative Within a Limit but the same Motives may not influence a Successor Who has only to produce the Letter of Instruction, Whose words of direct Import Will restore him at once to the exercise of all the Independent Power, he could Wish. a fresh Innovation then arises, and usage and Regulation Will have to contend for Dominion —

It Would be an Unworthy concealment to say that a Military Feeling (if it may be called a Military Pride but was there ever a good Soldier devoid of the Sentiment) does not

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Not enter into the consideration and give
activity to objection for the very Act, it was projected
to preserve, at the same time the Personal
Supremacy of the President and to leave to
the Commander in Chief that Portion of
Executive Duty, argued by his Lordship to be
unalienable from his Appointment, are, in their
nature and Discharge to degrade his Station,
and by transferring to an Individual, that
Subordination which is alone due to Government
places him in a Course of Personal attendance
and Requisition incompatible With his Rank
and in direct Institution constitutes him a
his Adjutant General.

It is the Wisdom of the
Indian Constitution, that the Name of Governor
in Council Should Stand prominent upon every
Act. that no Measure is so Minute or trivial,
as Not to carry With it that Distinction — No
Orders pass to any Board or are communicated
to any Functionary but under This Provision —

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It is the Governor in Council alone who can command — It is to that Character alone, that Obedience is due — By the Interpretations Now before the Board a Complete Subversion of this Reciprocal Principle, is proposed. And it falls alone upon the Situation of the Commander in Chief —

To illustrate these observations It is necessary to allude to the 622d Para: of the late Orders, Which direct the President to "Frame and bring forward the Plans of "Disposition" "Cantonment," and "Distribution of the Honorable Company's Forces" —

It Appears impossible to misunderstand Words so plain an Import — The Transfer of this Duty, from the Commander in Chief to Another, is perfect and it is no longer left with the Council or with the President to devide the Measure, to take that Share Which pleases, and to reject that part Which may not suit convenience or Wisdom, And gives an alarming Responsibility —

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At the conclusion of the 615th Paragraph upon the same Branch of the Subject are words. What Seem to qualify this extent of Direction. and Would imply, that the President shall exercise these Functions If he shall think fit — but as His Lordship Assumes the "New Procuding" of Presenting himself, the paper to Council. the More enlarged Sense of the order is of Course adopted and the energy of those emphatic Words, Practical, as well as Theoritical" which prefaw the late Instructions must take its full Course —

To the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors, that I have transferred so much Authority and Professional Function from the Commander in Chief to the President I can have no rightful objection — It is their Will and after a respectful representation of the Injurious consequences that I conceive may arise, I have no Object but conformity But it is equally a Sacred Duty I owe to

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my own Character and to the profession to which I belong to resist the simple Injunction of Private Will however respectable the Source which is their Operation may affect the One, or tend to degrade the other

To place the Subject in a just point of view. It is requisite to give constant Life to the Distinction between the Collective Authority of Government and Individual Supremacy and scrupulously to avoid in the exhibition the Example of that versatile convenience, which, as it suits the purpose, call the same Proceeding the act of the President or of the Government and by perpetually Shifting the name transmutes the very essence of the Argument and so blends and obscures the just execution of Duty, that propriety of action can be no longer seen in the same Strong Light.

I must now recur to that part of the orders. Which places in the Hands of the President "the Disposition" "the cantonment" and "distribution of the Troops. and direct him to

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frame and present them to Council and to the Sentiment. I have already expressed of Not presuming to demur upon its complete adoption. But while I have any just Sense of my own Rank in the army and more especially the Station I fill I must object to the execution of that order as detailed by the President

His Lordship states that He "Expects" that I shall submit all papers of this nature to "Him. and" If "He approves" He will lay them before Council" but if he object" that the Commander in Chief may do it in his own person" I must here distinctly assert. that neither the One Injunction," or the other permission" is to be found in the Letter of the Instructions — In the Injunction It is expressly stated. that the President is to frame" which, if the foregoing Terms of Practice as well as Theory" are to retain their Force. must mean to originate every Question. subject alone in the fullest Latitude of admission to the casual Suggestions of the Commander

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in Chief — and the Permission is not discoverable in words, or in Spirit, that on the Failure of the President's presentation, the Commander in Chief is to produce his own Plan * — This Indulgence is only given to the Commander in Chief when the President may neglect to fill up the Vacant Military Appointment, and it only remains to the Commander in Chief upon the present point, to exercise as the other Members of the Council the common Right of Objection.

vide Data 625.

Before the adoption of the President's Regulations for the Transaction of Military Business it will be prudent to enquire, What his Lordship means exactly to do in plain dealing — What are the Impressions which the Community are to receive and whether the Result promises practical Sums —

Is it his Lordship's Intention that the Military papers be produced upon such an important trust as the Disposition of the Army shall be considered as the effect of his Lordship's Meditations, and in plain Language

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that he should be entitled to the Credit or discredit attendant upon the Work— If so Imperfectly comprehend the situation of things and his Lordship expects no more than What he is fully entitled to by the Tenor of the late orders. And has a Right to enjoy— But every Just consideration forbids that the Commander in Chief Should lend himself to any Adjustment, not proceeding from Legitimate Authority. Which. by not keeping distinct those Foundations, on Which responsibility may rest, Will render less secure his own Reputation—

Or is the paper laid before Council and Which Will remain upon record to bear the Signature of the Commander in Chief and is the President to be Considered Merely, as the organ of Delivery— Here lyes the Dilemma— for if this acceptation is admitted the orders of the Honorable Court, Which injoin the President to frame the Disposition And in expres Declarations give to his Functions Practical, as Well as Theoretical Sub-stance. are frustrated,

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and neither the Pleasure of Obedience, or the
advantage of Overt dealing is maintained — The
direct answer under contending Circumstances is
so difficult, that it Produces the Middle course
Proposed, to set again that Military machine in
motion, but it is only to postpone embarrassment.
for the operations of Business in their incessant
Application, Will force acknowledgement. And no
participation between the President as an
Individual, and the Commander, in Chief, upon
a case that animates the dearest Interest of
his profession and his own Fame Will ever
work, or can ever last — I am too much alive to
the value of approbation and Applause Not to
Seek it by every fair Method, and if a Well —
digested Plan — a Skilful Distribution, or a happy
combination is to be extolled, as I am content it
should go to Where it is really due; While the
President prepares the Plans, I am equally
Solicitous that the just distinction, in the Public
Opinion should not be obscured, but if the
Commander in Chief deserve it He should receive

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the acknowledgement— This is however but one side of the Question. The other is the more important It is to fix responsibility. The safe-guard of a State upon sure grounds, and Should disaster arise let the record tell, let the Signature declare Where the Error Lyes. and Have it not to Seek among the Shades of participation. The gradation of Interference and conversation, that may either be forgotten or denied—

The President I am persuaded is not aware of the operation of the Rules. He now proposes for the transaction of Military Business or he would not call for the concurrence of the Commander in Chief. His Lordship Mention. the Papers drawn upon by the "Adjutant General" and the "Quarter Master General" which I am to deliver to Him— The Names of such Papers do not exist. every Paper is the Commander in Chief's own or Made his own. by Adoption— These are only cognisable by the Governor in Council— and if I Submit them to the President. It can be but under the Impression. that his single Will may change or alter them— If I admit this. I place

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the Commander in Chief in the degraded Situation that any Authority except the Governor in Council can affect his proposition — This Principle, in any Shape acknowledged Will go to every Length and by a very short Process render the Commander in Chief the mere attendant of the President, Through-out the variety of Business, now committed to his charge. To prevent so unbecoming a Situation, in Which no man of Feeling or Military Honor &c could act, I stated in my former Minute the necessity of the Presidents direct Intercourse With the Adjutant General, and Quarter Master General, for the smallest Military Knowledge in this Country will prove, that the limited Power of disposal of Military Commands and the distribution of the Army in their interwoven combinations, pervades the Whole extent of Military Organization — and that there could be no method to prevent the Commander in Chief from becoming the simple Adjutant General to the President, but by substituting to a great Degree the Labor and attendance of that officer and the Quarter Master

General

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General in his place —

I rise only to repeat sentiments already expressed to the utmost extent of my declaration, When I say that the Authority of the Governor in Council over the Commander in Chief is unlimited. That the Situation of that officer, is to be the obedient active servant, of the Government as far as that obligation can reach. That if he suffers a Form, or Punctilio to raise a Difficulty, he deserts his Duty — That he is not to presume to take any Step of consequence, much less attempt the Disposition of the army, or direct any Movement without their approbation and order / this I hope is my Character, as well as invariable Practice / but the more I admit this in the most unqualified Manner as due to the Governor in Council the more justified I feel in my Disinclination to adopt the novel System proposed of Individual Submission to the President The stronger I express objection and make a Stand against admission of the Principle in the present Instance, the more

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more rooted and unconquerable must be my opinion founded on the Laws of Fitness and propriety, for many Personal Inducement to make me yield, were it possible exist at present that would not have the same Force on a future Day—

The transaction of Military Business under existing Regulations seems of the simplest execution—The Novelty in no shape alters the discharge—Innovation was doubtless viewed by the Honorable Court of Directors before the Decree was pronounced—The higher avocation of the Military Concerns are committed to the President/ the only Doubt remains—What may be considered the Period of Peace and War. the Question singularly applies at present/ and the more humble, but not the less important" the discipline and efficiency of the Army" as far as his limited means permit are consigned to the Commander in Chief—The Whole bears the mark of complete consideration for He seems bound

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by the late orders to Answer every Inquery and to furnish. When required. every Information in his power to the President — Whenever his Lordship may think fit to enter into any Discussion or ask my Opinion. it Will be equally my Duty and Inclination to cooperate to the utmost extent The Line is clearly drawn and it seems imprudent to disturb the Demarcation. It will only lead to the Invasion of the Boundaries now Laid down with no common care —

The Path is quite plain — Orders and Obedience keep it in full View — no part of the Road is found unpleasant but as Responsibility Stalks across the way — The flowers and the Sweets on every Side are gathered and carefully retained. but the thorns and the Dangers are separated. With equal consideration and offered to that Hand that shakes from recent Privations and Las Helles to seek its Reward.

With deference I take this

General

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General Opinion —

The fair Proceeding of any —
Deviation from the Orders is to take place seems
to be. This to examine with caution. any part
of them. that may seem impracticable or injurious.
and to weigh Well the adoption. to place in
one Scale that rigid Obedience. that of course will
animate. as his first Duty. every Servant of the
Honorable Company. and in the other. —
advantage or Disadvantage, evil or good to the
State. and as the result shall appear so to
determine Suspension or adoption. till the further
pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors may
be Obtained —

/Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

Madras
May 2nd 1807.

Minute of the Right Honble the President.

The Commander in Chief not —
concurring in my interpretation of the intention
of the Honorable Court of Directors. as to the mode
of transacting Military Business under the —
Orders conveyed in their Dispatch — I am —
unwilling.

President's Minute —
Supports the arrangement
of the Court of Directors
and States his intention
of carrying their orders
into effect, in compli-
ance with the wish
of the Commander in
Chief according to
their Literal construc-
tion proposes that
the Papers recorded
on this Subject be
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unwilling to press upon him either a responsibility or a Service which he may consider to be inconsistent with the letter and Spirit of those orders and incompatable with the dignity of his own Station—

Personally, I can have no objection and cannot feel any difficulty in understanding the execution of these orders according to their literal construction— Had my former professional pursuits not been Military, I am not aware that I should have been Marked with the magnitude of the Task— The Distribution of the Army is regulated upon a particular Principle Submitted to and Approved by the Governor General in Council, with which we are therefore bound to conform— The necessity of any change will be produced by Political Rather that by considerations purely Military— and I should feel satisfied that no erroneous disposition suggested by myself could be productive of injury to the Public Service, as long as the Commander in Chief were present in Council, if in public Council alone he should determine to confine his

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advice to point out its defects and to suggest a better—

I shall only add further that as far as my own actual experience of the present question in all its different changes and relations, I am convinced that the Arrangement of the Court of Directors will work well— The Legislature and the Court of Directors have declared their intention that the President should have a preponderating influence in the direction of all their affairs. In the Military Department as the Instrument is the most dangerous and important so is the operation of that influence the more indispensible— The great benefit I anticipate from the new orders is this that they will of Necessity create a Mutual dependence. And more intimate intercourse between the President and the Commander in Chief— As the case has hitherto been, the Commander in Chief might without any previous communication with the President propose any Military Arrangement whatever— whether materially or only remotely concerning the Civil Government that the Chief Military Authority

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Authority as well as every Member of Council — should possess the power. is indispensable, but as to the disadvantage of constant exercise of it in — this Manner. I cannot fail doubtful — The practice must necessarily lead to great inconvenience both in and out of Councils too obvious I think to require to be detailed. Which by a different course would — and will be avoided ——

I shall conclude this paper with repeating a former Remark — that the change — created by these orders is one of form and not of Substance — That the duties of the Commander in Chief remain the same. That his responsibility is not diminished. that the efficiency of the Military machine his particular charge cannot be affected while the form of doing the business gives to the President an Influence and makes him a party in the previous consultation upon all Military Arrangements. and through this opportunity of interposition, enables him much more easily to prevent what is Likely to be injurious, and to assist in leading the Military Machine in the direction

desired

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desired by the Government —

I recommend that these Papers may be transmitted to Bengal for the purpose of being sent to England by the Indus which from private Letters I hear will sail about the middle of June —

(Signed) W. Bentinck

Fort St. George
May 28. 1807.

Resolution thereon.

The Board deem it to be proper to submit by the earliest opportunity to the Honorable Court of Directors the doubt which has occurred in the interpretation of the orders of the Honorable Court conveyed in their ~ Military Dispatch of the 30th July 1806 on the ~ question of Military Patronage — Resolved ~ accordingly that Copies of the further Papers ~ which have been recorded on that subject be transmitted to England by the Honorable ~ Company's Ship Indus — Resolved

Resolved in the meantime that the orders of the Honorable Court be ~ carried into effect, Agreeably to the intention

of

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of the President: as stated in His Lordship's Minute of the 28th. Ultimo —

The following Minute and Letter of the Commander in Chief having returned from Circulation are ordered to be Recorded —

Minute of the Commander in Chief

a Minute of the Commander in Chief submits the Proceedings of the Court Martial on the Trial of Subadar Venatasawmy of the 20th. Regiment Native Infantry and adverts to the contradictory evidence given by the same persons before the Court martial and before the Committee of Enquiry —

I submit to the Board the Proceedings of the Native General Court Martial Assembled at the Presidency for the Trial of certain Native officers of the 20th. Regiment who on the Report of a most respectable Committee, constituted to Investigate complaints preferred against them were charged with various acts of improper and most irregular conduct —

In this case Subadar Venatasawmy the Prisoner under Trial, has been declared Not Guilty on every article of charge and is fully and honorably acquitted in opposition to the preceding opinion of the Committee which investigated the case —

I lament to have found in this Trial the confirmation of an Opinion I formed former

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former cases had impressed on my belief of the total invalidity of Native Evidences in almost every occurrence which calls for their testimony. In the proceedings now Submitted Several declare on oath the very reverse of what they before stated to the Committee and they formally depose that the principal informer of the Committee, to Whose intentions the Officers composing it attached the strong praise of disinterested Zeal for the Public Service, actually Suborned them to give false Evidence before the Committee, and Attempted to influence their present Evidence for the purpose of obtaining the condemnation of the Prisoner, and his own Promotion - a Statement which if true exhibits a picture of no ordenary depravity in other Countries, alth. I fear, too common in this -

Madras
the
May 28th 1807

/Signd/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

George Buchan Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From the Commander in Chief Submits the Proceedings on the Trial of the last

I have the honor to lay before Government the Fifth and concluding Trial upon the native Officers

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List of five Native officers accused by the Committee — Remarks again on the Letter dispensing to be placed on the evidence with instructions from the Board and to be made acquainted with their sentiments —

Officers of the 20th. Regiment —

I forms a complete rule of the Dependance, that is to be placed on Native Evidence —

I shall be happy to receive any Instructions that the Governor in Council may favor me with on the subject, and I am the more anxious to be in Possession of the General Sentiment of the Council, as the occurrences have been of so much Publicity and the scene lyes in Fort Saint George without the Limit of my Immediate function

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

Signed / J. F. Cradock

Madras May 30th 1804 —

Resolution thereon. The Commander in Chief requested to have the conduct of the Havildar Major of the 20th Regiment investigated before a General Court Martial — The Proceedings above submitted to be returned to His Excellency and attested Copies of the Trial of the five Native Officers to be furnished by the Judge advocate General for

The Commander in Chief is requested to direct that the conduct of Marie Mootoo Havildar Major of the Battalion of the 20th. Regiment of Native Infantry be investigated before a General Court Martial of Native Officers

Ordered that the original Proceedings Submitted With the foregoing Memorial and Letter be returned to the Commander in Chief and His Excellency is requested to direct the

Judge

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for insertion on the Records —

Judge Advocate General of the Army to lay before the Board attested Copies of those Proceedings, as also of the Proceedings in the Trials of the three other Native Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battalion of the 20th Regiment in order that they may be recorded —

The Commander in Chief records the following minutes —

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I have the Honor to submit to the Board an Application from Captain Pollock, Commanding the Cadet Company and New Town Cuddalore, requesting one Months leave of absence from his Station to the Presidency on urgent Private Affairs.

I also submit the prescribed Certificate of Recommendation to entitle the Widow of the late Andrew Thompson, Conductor of Ordnance, deceased, to the Pension the claims from the Bounty of the late

Minute of the Commander in Chief — Captain Pollock Commanding the New Town of Cuddalore, applies for leave to visit the Presidency — The Widows Certificates of Mrs Thompson and Mrs Miller submitted — The Death of Lt. Colo. Macpherson of the 3d Regiment of Native Infantry reported, also the Pensioners become necessary in consequence of that casualty. —

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late Lord Clive — Mrs. Thompson is desirous to receive the Pension here untill an opportunity offers for her return to Europe.

I have to report the death, at Sedasheguer on the 21st. Instant, of Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Macpherson recently Appointed to the 3d. Regiment of Native Infantry. — The following are the Officers who become entitled to Promotion in succession of Line and Regimental Seniority. Senior Major of Infantry — Hugh Buchan, from the 22d. Regiment of Native Infty. to be Lieutenant Colonel vice Macpherson deceased. date of Rank 22d. May 1807.

22d. Regiment of Native Infantry —

Captain W. P. Heitland to be Major, Captain Lieutenant John Lindsay to be Captain, Lieutenant William Hankins to be Captain Lieutenant and Ensign W. Y. Hancock to be Lieutenant, in succession to Buchan promoted; date of Rank 22d. May 1807 —

I submit the required Certificate of the claim of the Widow of Peter Miller late Sergeant of Artillery

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Artillery to a Pension from Lord Clives Bounty Fund.— The States illness as the cause of her long delay in application, and ignorance of the forms of Office.—

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3d. June 1807.

Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

To the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council

My Lord,

My Presence being required at Madras on affairs of considerable importance to myself and family, I beg leave to solicit one Months leave of absence from my Station. for the purpose of visiting the Presidency.—

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

New Town
May 29th 1807.

Signed/ Thos. Pollock
Captain Commanding
Aberdeen
16th June 1801.

This is to certify that Andrew Thompson and Ann Stephens after producing a Certificate of having

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having been regularly proclaimed in the parish Church of old Aberdeen were married by me upon the fourteenth of June 1801.

/Signed/ Alexander Bower

Minister

Patric Booth, Witness.

Wm. Simpson, Witness.

Ann Thompson Widow of Andrew Thompson late a conductor of ordnance in the Honorable East India Companys Service deceased maketh Oath and saith, that to the best of her Knowledge, Information or Belief, her Husband the said Andrew Thompson did not at the time of his death of himself or by any Person or Persons for him possess the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling Lawful Money of great Britain or one Thousand Eight hundred and seventy five Pagodas Current Money of Madras.

Sworn before me
this 28th day of May 1807

/Signed/ Ann Thompson

/Signed/ S. D. Tolton

Justice of Peace.

These

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These are to Certify that Peter Miller and Elizabeth Wood were married in St. Mary's Church Fort St. George the 14th day of October 1786.—

By Me.

Fort St. George
Octobr 1786.

/Signed/ Benjn. Milling champ
Captain to Fort St. George

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that the Commanding Officer of the New Town of Cuddalore be permitted to visit the Presidency in compliance with his request on leave of absence for one Month.—

Resolved that the Widows of the late conductor Thompson, and of the late Serjeant Miller of Artillery be admitted to the usual benefit of Lord Clive's Bounty Fund.

Resolved that the Promotions stated to be necessary in the 22d. Regiment of Native Infantry in consequence of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel A. Macpherson be directed to take place—

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief submits applications from Captain Welsh of the 2d. Regiment Native Infantry and Mr. Cadet Williamson Jr. for

I have the honor to submit the following Applications from Military Officers and to recommend Compliance with the requests they contain—

From

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for leave to proceed to England on sick Certificate; and — from Lieutenant Bentley of the 13th Regiment Native Infantry & Mr. Cadet Colebrooke for leave to proceed to Guzerat and Ceylon respectively — Recommends for compliance with the above, and that Mr. Williamson be promoted to the Rank of Ensign and that the Bengal Government be requested to — authorize the — usual advance of Passage money to him. Reports the death of Mr. Surgeon Maxwell Thompson — States the case of a Subedar dismissed from a Native Corps, and recommends that his dismissal be published in Genral order — Concludes that the necessary Promotion in consequence should proceed from the Judicial — Department —

1. From Captain late Major Welsh of the 2d. Regiment of Native Infantry enclosing Certificate of the Chief Medical Officers in Bengal, and requesting leave to proceed on sick Certificate to Europe by the Indies Recommends under dispatch from that Presidency.

2. From Mr. William Williamson Junior a Cadet of Infantry, who under similar Certificate, requests permission to embark for Europe on the Indies, and solicits that promotion which extreme illness has prevented him from attaining by his attention to Study — Mr. Williamson if promoted is entitled to rank as Ensign from the 27th June 1806 — in the 9th Regiment / not the / as he supposes to which a person Senior to him of the Same — Name has been Appointed / —

Both these Officers have Applied to obtain a passage on the Indies to the Supreme Government. Recommends that the Bengal Government be requested to advance for Mr. Williamson the usual Amount of Passage Money —

3. From Lieutenant Bentley of the 13th Regiment requesting leave of Absence for Six Months to Guzerat. Which — Recommends to attention as that Officer founds his request on his desire to complete his Hindoostannee Studies, Which the Residence of his Father on Guzerat will enable him to do With much convenience —

4. Mr. Cadet Colebrooke Soliciting Six months — Furlough to Ceylon — The extreme — — — — — — Youth

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youth of Mr. Colebrooke induces me to recommend this measure as his Uncle Mr. Colebrooke of the Royal Artillery will take charge of him during his residence there—

I have to report the Death at the Presidency on the 23d. Instant of Mr. Surgeon Maxwell Thompson—

The Officer Commanding the Rajahmundry Police Corps. has forwarded to the Adjutant Generals Office Mootoo Curpah, Subadar, who was transferred to that Corps from the Regular Army, on its formation, with intimation that in consequence of continued intoxication and irregularity the Subadar has been "removed from the "Police Corps by order of Government—" As a Native Officer who from intoxication and irregularity is unworthy of trust in a Police Corps. cannot be considered fit for the Rank of Subadar on the Regular Army, from which indeed he was considered permanently removed on his Appointment to that Corps, I recommend that his dismissal, which took place on the 31st of March last, be announced in public orders—

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Davee has also forwarded recommendations for supplying the vacancies in the regularly armed Company of his Corps. in succession to the Subadar dismissed — considering the Rajahmundry Police Corps as entirely disconnected from the Regular Army, I have declined to interfere in this Arrangement which I presume should be made under Instructions from the Judicial Department. —

June 3d. 1807 — /Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose a Surgeons certificate, agreeably to the forms prescribed by the Supreme Government — and to request that your Lordship in Council, will be pleased to extend my Leave — to England / for the recovery of my Health /

I have

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

(Signed) J. Welsh Major

3d. Regiment Native Infantry

Calcutta

May 12th 1807 -

Duplicate

We do hereby certify that Major James Welsh of the Madras Establishment is in a very bad State of health and that we think a return to Europe necessary for his recovery —

(Signed) J. Fleming

1st. Member of the M. B.

Calcutta

12th May 1807 -

" John Orr

Garrison Surgeon

Fort William

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

My Lord,

I am under the necessity of requesting your Lordships permission to proceed to Europe for the Benefit of my health, as recommended in the Certificate of the Medical Officers who attended me. Which I have the honor to enclose

Which

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which along with the usual Allowances of passage Money I sincerely hope under the particular circumstances of my case you will sanction. so necessary a return to my Native Country with the Appointment and Emolument of my Rank in the 2d. Regiment Native Infantry which took place on my arrival in the Country—

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

Calcutta
15th. May 1807— /Signd/ Wm. Williamson

Junior

We do hereby Certify that Mr. Wm. Williamson Cadet on the Madras Establishment is in a very bad state of health and we declare that his return to Europe is necessary to his recovery—

Calcutta
14th. May 1807— /Signd/ Wm. Hunter

Presy. Surgeon

" A. Gray Surg. 2 Regt

I do certify that Mr. William Williamson of the Madras Establishment is in a bad State of health— and that to the best of my

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In my Judgement a voyage to Europe is highly advisable for his Recovery —

/Signed/ Wm. Ross Munro

2nd Member M. B.

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor &c. &c. in Council

My Lord,

Having for some time past applied myself to the Study of the Hindoostanee Language, And it being my greatest desire to Acquire a Particular Knowledge of it — I am induced / from my hopes that it may meet with your Lordships in Councils Approbation / to Solicit permission to procud to Guzerat for that purpose on Furlough for six months or any other Period that your Lordship in Council may be pleased to grant —

In Guzerat besides the Assistance of my Father Who is Stationed there I shall have every advantage both of Instructors and Situation so that I am in hopes besides

Improving

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Improving considerably What Knowledge I may have at present of the Hindoostanee I shall there be enabled to lay a foundation for the Acquirement of some other of the Native Languages

Should this request meet with Your Lordships in Councils Approbation I would Wish to proceed as soon as an Opportunity offers

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

Quilon
May the 18th 1807.

/Signed/ Arthur Bentley
Lieutenant 2nd Battalion
5th Regiment Native Infantry

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

My Lord

I have to request your Lordships permission to visit the Island of Ceylon on leave of Absence for six months.—

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

New Town
Cuddalore
25th May 1807.—

/Signed/ John George Colebrooke
Cadet of Infantry

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon. The Subadar Mootoo Curpah to be tried by a Native Genl. Court Martial.

Resolved that Captain Welsh of the 3d. Regiment of Native Infantry be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate.

Resolved that Mr. Wm. Williamson Junior Cadet of Infantry be promoted to the Rank of Ensign in the 9th. Regiment of Native Infantry and be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate.

Resolved that Lieutenant Bentley of the 13th. Regiment of Native Infantry and Mr. Cadet Colebrooke be permitted to proceed on leave of Absence for Six months, the former to Guzerate, and the latter to Ceylon under the Circumstances stated by the Commander in Chief.

The Board considering it to be just that the conduct of Subadar Mootoo Curpah of the Polier Battalion should be investigated by a General Court Martial previously to his dismission from the Service of the Honorable Company, the Commander in Chief is requested to direct that he be brought to Trial accordingly on the Charges which have been

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been alledged Against him—

The President recommends that the Appointments stated in the following Memorandum be directed to take place—

Memorandum

Major General Macdowall

Presidents memorandum — Recommends the following Appointments — Capt.n Wm. Macpherson of His Majestys 12.th Regt. to be Aid de Camp to Major General Macdowall — Lieut. Coombs to be Deputy Judge advocate in Mysore — Lieut. Palmer to be Adjt. of the 2d. Battalion 25.th Regiment Native Infantry — Mr. Penn to be Deputy Commissary at Bellari — Serjeants R. Wallank and Cleary to be Conductors of ordnance —

Recommends the Appointment of Captain William Macpherson of His Majestys 12.th Foot to be his Aid de Camp and Solicits that it may be considered to have taken place from the departure of Captain Macdowall of His Majestys 33d. Regiment who formerly held that Appointment and Sailed for Europe on the 7th of March last—

The Appointment of Deputy Judge Advocate in Mysore being Vacant in Consequence of the Appointment of Lieutenant Close to be Major of Brigade to the Officer Commanding at Bangalore, I propose that Lieutenant Coombs of the 25th Regiment of Native Infantry be Appointed to that Situation, and in that event that Lieutenant Palmer be Appointed Adjutant to the 2d. Battalion of 25th Regiment Vice Coombs—

I Recommend the Appointment of

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of Mr. Abel Penn conductor of Ordnance, to be a
Deputy Commissary at Bellary on the Departure
of Deputy Commissary Best for Europe—

I Recommend the appointment
of the following persons to be Conductors of Ordnance
in the vacancies occasioned by the Death of Conductors
Rose and Thompson viz.t
Serjeant Robert Walbank—

3 June 1807.

Victory (no signature)

Approved and ordered accordingly.

Approved and ordered.

Read the following Letters from
the Military Auditor General—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General— Reports on the several points represented by Major Sir R. Kyd.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's Letter of the 14.th Instant containing a Resolution of your Lordship in Council, by which I am directed to consider and report upon an Application from Major

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Major Sir David Ogilby of the 9th. Native Regiment

2. Major Sir David Ogilby states. that, during his passage from England to India. he was ordered upon General duty by Lieutenant Colonel Gordon of His Majesty's 67th. Regiment — In consequence, therefore, of having thus been employed, at a time when he was not entitled to any Pay — from having been obliged by ill health to exceed the term of his furlough, Sir David solicits his Pay and Indian allowances from the date of his being Ordered upon duty —

3. The admission of the above claim is not warranted by any Regulation of the Service — a Precedent indeed has been produced in regard to Officers employed on their return to India at the late reduction of the Cape, who were all placed on Indian Allowances from the commencement of that Service until their arrival in India — It appears by the enclosed Memorandum (Marked A) that the General Duty upon which Sir David was employed during the passage

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passage. Was that of President of a Court of Enquiry upon the Conduct of two Cadets. Which was assembled on the 1st. of October last. and continued by adjournment from day to day for 21 days successively- It will rest with Government to decide Whether the duty upon Which Sir David Ogilby was employed under the Circumstances stated by that Officer was of sufficient importance to justify a deviation in his favor from the general rule of the Service—

4 Major Sir David Ogilby states. That his arrival at Bengal Was on the 11th. And not on the 17th. November last. as Specified in Genirial Order, and that consequently he has lost Six days Pay and allowances—

5. The loss stated in the preceding paragraph having been occasioned evidently by mistake, it should be rectified by a Subsequent Order. or by the authority of Government communicated in any other regular way to the Office of audit—

6. Major Sir David Ogilby complains

complains of a Stoppage having been made from his Pay of Pagodas 84. 22. 55 on Account of his passage from Bengal, for which he asserts having already paid the Captain of the Ship Lord Castlereagh —

7 The Circumstances stated in the preceding paragraph appear to merit a favorable consideration, for if an Officer makes a private Arrangement for his Passage, the Captain of the Ship should have had no public compensation on that Account — It is needless therefore for me to enter further into this Subject than merely to take the liberty of quoting the opinion of "His Excellency the Commander in Chief" that the Commander of the Lord Castlereagh should be compelled to refund the Sum he received from Government on Account of Sir David Ogilby's Passage from Bengal if it is satisfactorily proved, that on the private compact between Him and Sir David, the money which was paid by the Government had never been adverted to" —

8 Various are the grounds upon which

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which major Sir David Ogilby forms his expectations that the charge of Pagodas 84.22.55. for his passage will be defrayed by the Public; and indeed he seems to think that it never was the intention of either the Supreme Government or of the Government of Fort Saint George, that this expense should be defrayed in any other manner.

9th Lest however I should fail in doing ample justice to Sir David's arguments in support of his claims altogether, and of the expectation stated in the preceding Paragraph. I beg leave to refer your Lordship in Council to his letter of the 28th Ultimo addressed to the Military Secretary of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and I shall here only endeavor to state these Arguments in a concise manner under the following heads—

1st The Circumstances of Sickness inconvenience and expense attending his voyage to England. and the subsequent ill health which detained him in England

beyond

beyond the period of his furlough—

2nd. The hardship of having with his family been carried out of his way to another Presidency by a Ship originally destined direct for Madras. And thereby having incurred the very great additional expense of not less than 5000 Sicca Rupees.

3d. The circumstance of his having been readmitted upon this Establishment from the date of his arrival in Bengal which rendered him liable to be called upon for any Service, and by which he was directed upon an order of the Supreme Government to proceed to Madras on board the Lord Castlereagh—

4. The Order of which Copy is enclosed marked **B** by which he was directed to proceed on board a particular Ship to Madras and by which he considers himself as having been ordered on duty with charge of the Officers and Cadets on board that Ship—

10. The circumstances stated under the

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the 1st and 2nd of the foregoing heads appear to have borne hard upon Sir David Ogilby. but it must rest with Government to determine whether hardships and misfortunes of such a nature give a claim to an officer for any particular indulgence unwarranted by the Regulations of the Service——

11. The admission of Pay and allowances to an officer of the Madras Establishment from the date of his arrival in Bengal is generally considered as applicable to defray the additional expenses of his Passage or Journey from thence to Madras—a Cadet in such case gets 20 £ Sterling as Passage money or his Pay and Allowances for the Whole period but not both—By the Same rule as Sir David Ogilby has got his fixed Pay and Allowances while at Bengal he appears to have no reasonable claim on Government for the Payment of his Passage to Madras. unless he can prove. that amongst the Various officers and Cadets directed to proceed at the Same time from Bengal to

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Madras. he in particular was ordered to
proceed upon special duty—

12. That the Supreme Government
did not consider Sir David Ogilby in any other
light than that of an Officer arrived from
England where he had been on Furlough. and
proceeding to join his Corps on the Madras Esta-
blishment. the enclosed Copy of a letter marked
C/ from the Secretary in the Military Department
at Fort William will clearly evince— The same
letter with an Extract / attached to it / of one from
Mr. Secretary Strachey to my address. will also
shew. that it was not the intention of either the
Supreme Government or of the Government of
Fort St. George. that the Public should ultimately
bear the expense of Sir David Ogilby's Passage
from Bengal to Madras— on the Contrary he
must be considered as coming under that
description of Officers. from whose Pay the
Supreme Government direct the regular Passage
money to be deducted—

13 Major Sir David Ogilby
complains

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Complains of the abrupt manner in which the Sum of Pagodas 84. 22. 55. was stopped from his allowances by the Paymaster of Fort St. George on Account of his Passage from Calcutta. And he even goes so far as to say that the sole and only reason given by the Military Auditor General for deducting the above Sum from my Pay &c. contains as I would presume in itself a proof of the deduction being in no respect duly authorized.

Upon perusal of the reasons assigned by the Office of Audit, which appear in Sir David's Application for making the deduction complained of I will satisfy your Lordship in Council in regard to the Correctness of the assertion in the preceding paragraph—all accounts of Sir David Ogilby was dissatisfied with the Manner in which the deduction was made, or with the reasons assigned for it, he ought to have known, that it was his duty in the first instance to have communicated on the subject with the Office of Audit, before he made a Reference upon it to Government—Had he referred the Subject to me either publicly or privately. I

Should

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should have endeavored to give him every satisfaction in my power, by shewing him the authority of the Supreme Government and of your Lordship in Council under which I acted as well as the authority delegated by me to the Paymaster for making the Stoppages — an explanation of this nature would have prevented Sir David Ogilby, it is to be presumed, from hazarding a public opinion before Government that an act of the Office of Audit was in no respect duly authorized —

15th Major Sir David Ogilby claims Court Martial Allowance / half a Pagoda per day while employed on the late General Court martial, and urges in support of this claim that his detention at the Presidency as a Member of the Court involved him in considerable expenses, and prevented him from joining his Corps so soon as he had intended —

16. The Regulations of the Service give Court Martial Allowances to all Officers ordered upon that duty from Stations which may be distant 15 miles and upwards from the

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the place where the Court martial is to Assemble—
There is no regulation of the Service by which those
Allowances are withheld from Officers on leave
of Absence from their Corps, or from Officers recently
arrived from Europe, who may be Appointed
members of a Court martial, but it has invariably
been the rule of this Office to consider Officers so
situated in the same light as Officers forming a
part of the Garrison where the Court martial is
Assembled, to whom no such Allowances are ever
granted — The Officers of Artillery who are obliged
to come from the Mount to Fort St. George upon a Court
martial have never received Any allowances for that
duty.

14. Major Sir David Ogilby in his Application expresses a hope, that should his allowances not be granted from the time he was employed during the Voyage upon General duty a Compensation, Adequate thereto may be effected "by releasing him from all future demand on Account of the 3000 Rupees which on a liberal View of the Case were advanced him by the Supreme Government, a Sum which that Government Appeared to consider as not more than

adequate

adequate to the Extra expence and inconvenience he had been put to"—

18. Upon the subject contained in the preceding Paragraph, I do not feel myself Competent to offer an opinion, being ignorant of the intentions of the Supreme Government in making the advance of 3000 Rupees to Sir David Ogilby. I have already expressed my opinion, that Sir David's voyages to England and back again—to India have been attended with great inconvenience and expence to that Officer, but your Lordship in Council will best be able to judge how far it may be proper to grant to him any remuneration on that Account—

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Orr.
Military Audit.r Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
27th May 1807.—

For the Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Particulars connected with and relating to Major Sir David Ogilby's Application to Government

dated

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dated at Fort Saint George 27th April 1807.

Major Sir David Ogilby of the Madras Establishment a Passenger on board the Lord Eldon East India Extra Ship whose destination was from England to Madras direct, but which Ship was by the Captain thereof carried on to Bengal — begs to offer the following as in connection with his application as above mentioned —

Having been ordered on General Duty by Lieutenant Colonel Adam Gordon of his Majestys 67th Regiment. While on the Passage from Europe to India and to the eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, and having represented to that Officer my not being on Pay or Allowance of any kind Whatever. I received a letter in reply to my said representation, from which, the following is a true Extract —

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Adam Gordon Commanding his Majestys 67th Regiment to Major Sir David Ogilby Madras Establishment, dated at Sea. Lord Eldon 30th September 1806 —

Any

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Any Duty I order an Officer upon.
I hope to give sufficient reasons for to the Government
on India also to the Commander in Chief.

/ Signed / Ad.. Gordon
Lieutenant Colo.. 67th. Regimt.

Lord Eldon 30th. September 1806.

D.. O.. A Court of Enquiry of which Major
Sir David Ogilby is ordered to be President will
assemble Tomorrow Morning at 11 o'clock in the
Cuddy to investigate the Conduct of Mr. Crosby
and Mr. Herns Cadets in the Honorable East
India Company's Service.

/ Signed / Ad.. Gordon
Lieutenant Colo. 67th. Regiment

A True Extract and Copy.

/ Signed / D.. Ogilby
Major 1st. Battalion
9th Regiment N.. Infty.

The Court of Enquiry as ordered by
Colonel Gordon assembled on the 1st of October and
continued by Adjournment from day to day for
21. Days

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21 Days Successively

/True Copies/

/Signed/ A. Orr

Military Auditor Genl.

To Major Sir David Ogilby

of the Madras Establishment

Sir,

I am to apprize you that orders are this Day issuing directing the Embarkation of the Officers and Soldiers for the Madras Presidency to take place at Balloo Ghaut on the 16th Instant

I am &c &c

/Signed/ J. Martin Johnson

Fort Adjutant

Fort William,

Town Majors office

11th January 1807

A true Copy

/Signed/ D. Ogilby

Major 1st Batt. 9th Reg. N. I.

A true Copy

/Signed/ A. Orr

Military Auditor General

To G. Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable

the

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the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Lists of Officers Cadets. Troops and followers to whom passages have been provided to Fort Saint George on the Honorable Company's Ships Asia. Lord Castlereagh and Bengal and to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will direct the regulated passage Money to be paid to the Commanders of these Ships for such of the Officers. Cadets. Troops and followers as may be landed at Fort Saint George from their respective Ships. The Passage Money however of such of these Officers &c. as may not be entitled to passages from hence to Madras at the expense of the Honorable Company, is to be deducted from the Pay of those Officers and the Amount paid on Account of Troops belonging to the Presidency of Bombay or the Government of Ceylon is to be placed to the Debit of these Governments.

I am further directed to inform. that the Governor General in Council does not consider Officers returning from Furlough or leave of Absence to be entitled to have passages furnished

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furnished them at the Public expence, neither does he consider Officers Cadets or Assistant Surgeons who may have taken their passages to India on Ships not originally destined for the Presidency to which they belong entitled to have passages furnished them at the public expense from the Presidency where they may be landed —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Fort William
10th January 1807.

(Signed) Tho.s Hill
Acting Secret.y to Mily Dept.

List of the Officers Cadets. Troops and followers proceeding on the Honorable Company's Ships Asia. Lord Castlereagh and Bengal to Fort Saint George

Asia

Lieutenant Smith
Cornet Keating
" Pattison — } His Majestys 22d. Light Dragoons

16 Men
2 Women } His Majestys 22d. Light Dragoons

Captain Holton
Lieutenant Pottinger
" Campbell } D.o D.o 25th D.o D.o

34 Privates
3 Women
1 Child — } D.o D.o

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9 Officers. Captain Stokes		
7 Cadets. Lieutenant Bushby		
50 Men		
5 Women. Acting Ensign Douglas		
1 Child. Cadets R Calvert		
Henry White		
— Pearson		Of the Honorable Company's Service
Wm. Marshall		
Henry. Monk		
George Cole		
John Hoby		
Lord Castlereagh		
Major Sir D. Ogilby		
Ensign Spinks		His Majesty's 12th. Foot
Lieutenant Hook		Ditto - Ditto. 33d. Foot
Ensign Swayne		
9 Privates		Ditto - Ditto - Ditto
1 Women		

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7	Officers	Lieutenant Grove	Ditto Ditto 80th Foot
10	Cadets	Ensign Deuk	
53	Men	" Goldsmith	Ditto Ditto 94th Foot
1	Women	5 Privates	Ditto Ditto Ditto
		1 Woman	
		1 Child	
		23 Privates	Ditto Ditto 34th Foot
		1 Ditto	Ditto Ditto 56th "
		1 Ditto	Ditto Ditto 59th "
		14 Ditto	Ditto Ditto 69th "

Cadets — Edmund Flynn
" Wm. Hull
" " Boys
" Dawden
Murrule
J. P. Jones
Moor
James

of the Honorable Company's Service

Assistant Surgeon Cather
Pepper

Bengal

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Bengal

13. Privates ..... His Majesty's 19th Dragoons.

Cadets Gauns-lead 9

Abstract " J. M Konachie .....

10 Cadets " Jno Law Baker

1. Condr. of Stores " Rofs.

13 Privates- Imvoranity

Graves.

J. B. C. King

Norman

Rowley.

Wilson .....

} of the Honorable Co's Company's Service.

Conductor of Stores Thompson

/Signd/ Thos. Hall

Acting Secretary Military Depart.

True Copies And Extracts

/Signd/ G. Strachey.

Secretary to Government

/True Copies/

/Signd/ A. Orr.

Military Auditor General.

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department to the Military Auditor General dated 11th February 1807.

Enclose for your information and guidance the Copy of a letter from the Secretary at Fort William on the Subject of Passage Money &c payable for Officers and other Military persons on this Establishment who have proceeded by Sea &c from Calcutta for this Presidency—

/ True Extract /

/signed/ J. Orr

Military Auditor General

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that Major Sir David Ogilby is not entitled to receive Indian Allowances from an earlier period than the 11th of November last being the Date of His arrival in Bengal.

Resolved Agreeably to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that the Supreme Government be requested to take Measures for recovering from the Commander

of

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of the Honorable Company's Ship Lord Castlereagh the Sum of Pagodas 84. 22. 53. being the Amount paid to Him under the Authority of that Government on Account of Major Ogilby's Passage from Bengal to Fort St. George, provided that the Governor General in Council shall be satisfied that the Sum paid by Major Ogilby on his private Account for that purpose Was Sufficient Compensation to the Commander of the Lord Castlereagh—

Resolved that it does not Appear to have been intended by the Governor General in Council that the Sum paid for the passage of Major Ogilby from Bengal Should be Charged to the Account of the Honorable Company in Consideration of the Various Circumstances of

Personal

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personal inconvenience and distress represented
by that officer —

Resolved that the Military —
Auditor General appears to have acted with his
usual correctness in having directed the Payma-
ster at Fort Saint George to make the stoppage of
which Major Sir David Ogilby has complained,
and that the Commander in Chief be requested to
signify to Major Ogilby that the terms in which
he has stated that Complaint are considered by
the Board to be reprehensible —

Resolved that Major Sir David —
Ogilby having been present at Fort Saint George
when ordered on duty as Member of a General —
Court Martial is not entitled to receive Court
Martial Allowance —

Resolved that it does not appear
to have been the intention of the Supreme —
Government that the Sum of Rupees 3000 ad=
vanced to Major Ogilby in Bengal should be
considered as a Donation to that Officer —

Resolved that the approbation
of

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of the Board be expressed to the Military Auditor General for the satisfactory Report which he has submitted on the claims of Major Sir David ogilby—

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

Yea. Yea. Yea.

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General— Reports favorably on the Application of Lieut. Anderson of the Bombay Establishment—

1 By Mr. Secretary Stracheys Letter of the 14th. Instant. I am desired to report upon the subject of a Retrenchment against Lieutenant Anderson of the Bombay Establishment—

2 On the 4th. November 1800. it appears that Lieutenant Quitter of the 1st. Battalion 2d. Regement Bombay Native Infantry was ordered on field Service, and Agreeably to the Bombay Regulations he was entitled at that time to four hundred Rupees for the purchase of Tents— After Lieutenant Quitter's death, the Executor Lieutenant Anderson drew that Sum without adverting to an order of the Madras Government promulgated

in

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in Malabar in December 1800. which placed the Bombay Troops on the same Allowances as those of Madras to whom no Allowance is ever granted for the purchase of Tents— The Allowance in question would have been justly due, had Lieutenant Quilter been ordered on Service but five days sooner, for the Madras Regulations were only ordered to have effect with the Bombay Troops from the 1st November 1800, and were not made known until a month after to the Bombay Troops—

3. Under the circumstances above stated, which have been extracted from Lieut. Andersons Application and which Appears to be perfectly correct, I am induced to recommend the case to the favorable consideration of Government tho' it was necessary for the Office of Audit to make the Retrenchment—

4. Had Lieutenant Anderson drawn the money on His own Account, or benefited thereby in any respect, I should have

strongly

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strongly Opposed the removal of the retrenchment; but as it Appears that the money was drawn for the benefit of the Estate of Lieutenant Quelter — who as a Bombay Officer must have considered himself entitled to the Allowance until the promulgation of the Madras Regulations in Malabar, there seems to be a considerable degree of hardship in insisting now upon a refund of the Amount from his Executor Lieutenant Anderson —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
&c. &c.
/signed/ Alex. Orr
Military Auditor General.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
28th May 1807 —

Resolutions Accordingly —

The Board concur in opinion with the Military Auditor General that the Case of Lieutenant Anderson is intitled to their favourable — Consideration —

Resolved therefore that authority be given for admitting to the Credit of Lieutenant Anderson the Sum of Rupees 400 drawn by that

Officer

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Offices as Executor to the Estate of the late Lieute=
=nant Quilter of the Bombay Establishment ——

Read the following Letters from

the Military Board ——

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

From the Military Board — Report the result of their proceedings in revising the accounts of the Manager of the principal Agent for Bullocks during the Mysore War of 1798/9. Submit the Manager's claim to the Full amount of wages charged for Servants &c. to Interest on the Balance which may be due to him. Also his request to receive a Gratuity as a Reward for his Services.

My Lord,

1. As the late Manager of the principal Agent for Bullocks, during the Mysore War of 1798/9. has made objection against the principle laid down by Major Symons for the Adjustment of his Accounts, and which Government on the 10th November 1803. directed to be enforced / conditionally, it has become necessary to revise the Accounts of the Native manager. And we have now the honor to submit our Report on the Proceedings which have from time to time taken place regarding them.

2 In consequence of the above mentioned order from Government on the 21st November 1803 we communicated to the Native

manager.

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Manager a Detail of the principle adopted and sent him an Account Current drawn up accordingly by which it appeared that a Balance of Pagodas 1162. 13. 76. was then due to him. It was afterwards discovered that in the Account Current which had passed between the Native Manager and us, there was a material error arising from the adoption of the Sum Pagodas 8. 38 g. instead of Pag.s 6. 30. 42. 30. We Accordingly on the 17th of June 1805 transmitted to the Native Manager a corrected Account Current by which it appeared that, on the principle laid down the Native Manager had been on the 21st Nov.r 1803 indebted to the Company in the Sum of Pag.s 903. 5. 4. instead of being entitled to receive Pag.s 1,162. 13. 76. The Calculations which produced this result proved that if the full Amount charged for Servants wages should be admitted, the Native Manager would be entitled to receive a Balance equal to Pag.s 4931. 32. 76. instead of having to pay 903. 5. 4. To this communication the Native Manager replied by Letter of the 16th of March 1807 Copy of which we have the honor to enclose together with the several

Papers

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Papers to which it refers—Among those Papers is an Account Current prepared by the Native Manager, in which he takes Credit for the full charge of Servants wages and thus exhibits a Balance in his own favor of Pagodas 6,013. 26. 37½. instead of the Balance 4,931. 32. 76. as deduced from the Account Current which we had prepared on 17th of June 1805. and the difference is Accounted for in the following manner—

By the Account which we

3

transmitted the Manager was Acknowledged / if the full hire of Servants was admitted / to have Claim to the Sum of Pagodas 4931. 32. 76.

To which Amount he adds the following Charges

N°. 1 Amount paid to Major Symons as per his receipt	100. — —	
N°. 2 Cash advanced to writers to adjust the Accounts of Bullocks in the Army from 1st June to 31st October 1800	131. 18. —	
" Stationary for Ditto	12. 20. 30.	
N°. 3 Outstanding Balances in the Camp equipage Department	465. 37. 20	
		709. 33. 50.

Carried over Pags. 5641. 24. 46.

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Brought forward Pagodas 3641. 24. 46.

No. 4 Moiety of Custom from
the Grain Department — 3,233. 17. 68.

No. 5 Ditto Provision Depart-
ment 375. 24. 27½

No. 6 Ditto Medical Depart-
ment ..... 28. 24. "

3637. 24. 15½

Total to be Credited to
V. R. Pillay Pagodas } 9279. 6. 61½

From this Sum he states
that the following deduc-
tions should be made
1st The sum of Pagodas
137. 37. " which had
erroneously been included
in the Sum of 530. 21. 50
for "Charges Extraordinary"
being formerly Credited to
V. R. Pillay the Item should
have been 392. 26. 50 the

difference

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difference is therefore deducted

Pagodas- 137.. 37.. —

2nd Amount Paid to V. R.

Pillay as Balance in Account

Current from the Military

Board in 21st November —

1803 but not debited to him

before. 1,162.. 13.. 76

3d Amount of Balances

still due by V. R. Pillay

to Bullock Owners. as pr

Major Symond's Account 1,965.. 12.. 28.

3265.. 21.. 24.

Actual Balance Stated
to be still due to V. R.
Pillay. if the full Wages
be admitted —..... Pags. 6013.. 26.. 37½

4. On the correctness of this Account

Current we shall offer our opinion in detail, and

shall at the same time submit our further

Sentiments regarding the Validity of the manager's

Claim to be reimbursed in the full Amount of

wages

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wages stated to be paid for Servants in the Department

5 1st. The first additional Charge—

which is brought into Venkatah Runguen Pillay's

present claim is Pagodas 100 being Amount of Cash

paid to Major Symons as p/r his Receipt and not

before credited. It does not appear that V. A. Pillay

has in any Account got Credit for this Sum, and as he

now produces Major Symons's original Receipt. Copy

of which accompanies this, there does not appear any

objection to the charge.

2nd. The second additional Charge is for

Pagodas 143. 38. 30. being Cash advanced to Writers

to adjust the Accounts of Bullocks in the Army

from 1st June to the 1st October 1800. Amounting to

Pagodas 131. 18. . and Cash paid for Stationary for

Captain Mackay Amounting to Pag.s 12. 20. 30.

The additional Charges No. 1 Pag.s

100. added to this Charge 143. 38. 30 together with

the Sum Pagodas 264. 21. 30 Composed a Charge—

Pagodas 508. 18. . Which was made in V. A. Pillay's

Original Cash Account as follows—

Expence

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Expence of feeding Bullocks	164.	21.	30.
Cash advanced to Anantiah	200.	"	"
Ditto for Servants	131.	18.	"
Ditto for Stationary	12.	20.	30.
	508.	18.	"

Major Symons on the Audit of the Accounts in 1801 admitted the first Charge And — for proportion of Money Advanced viz.t Feeding — " —

Bullocks	164.	21.	30.
Cash paid by Anantiah to Captain Mackay. Which Captain Mackay — acknowledged	100.	"	"
Total admitted	264.	21.	30

And the Balance 243.—38.—30 was retrenched at that time objected to propose the admission of this Balance unless Captain Mackay shall certify the Receipt of the full Amount of Stationary and that the full Amount of Wages was absolutely and necessarily disbursed —

Venatah Rungum Pellay, now — renews the Claim for the Balance under the different heads —

Cash

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Cash	100.	"	"
For Servants	131.	18	"
Stationary	12.	20.	30.
Total	243.	38.	30

In support of the 1st Item he produces as stated in remark on additional Charge N.o 1 of the Receipt of Major Symons Copy of which accompanies this; this Amount was paid by Anantiah to Major Symons, subsequent his having paid 100 Pagodas to Captain Mackay - In support of the other Charges, Pag.s 131. 18. " and 12. 20. 30. - he quotes the recommendation of Lieutenant Colonel Dallas, who in his Letter of February 1801 - states that the Charge was incurred by the Necessity of sending people from Madras to adjust the Accounts, and to enable Captain Mackay to conduct the Agency from 1.st June to 1.st October 1800 - being four Months. On 13.th September 1801 we had the honor to submit Copy of Colonel Dallas's Letter -.

If the Necessity really existed the

Charge

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Charge appears moderate being at the rate of
35.–41.–7½. Fs. Month: and as the Accounts were
manifestly very Voluminous Servants. and —"
Stationary to this extent may now Appear as they
did to Colonel Dallas to have been Necessary in
which case the Charge Should be admitted —

3d. The third Additional Charge is for
Pagodas 465.. 37.. 20. on Account of Outstanding —"
Balances in the Camp Equipage Department."—

This Charge includes two Items —"
numbered 9 & 10 in the Schedule of Retrenchments
prepared by Major Symons, he admits the Amount
of the Item No. 9 / for which it does not Appear that
V.. R.. Pillay has yet had Credit / Amounting to
Pagodas 42.. 35.. 50.— and he retrenches the other —"
Item No. 10 Amounting to Pagodas 423.. 1.. 70.— On
this Retrenchment We remarked that We cannot
recommend its admission as We do not possess
any Papers which afford the means of judging
of its propriety"—

As it does not appear that Venatah
Runguen Pillay has had Credit for the first Charge

Pag.d

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Pagodas 42.-35.-50. It appears proper that he should now have Credit for it, and that the Amount 42.-35.-20 Should Stand against Chadamony Pillay to whom it was advanced. —

In Support of the Charge for the Balance Pagodas 423.-1.-70. the Manager urges that as he had no Contract over the detail Payments to Petty Owners in the Several Departments, he Should not be rejuried to Account for the Amount paid to the Conicopolies, Who were Charged with the distribution of the Money. This, he States, Should Stand against those Conicopolies, in the Same manner as the Various Balances Stand against the Head Owners to Whom Advances have been made respectively —

Upon the Same principle which guided Major Symonds's Decision on the Charge 42.-35.-20. the other Charge 423.-1.-70 appears admissible — as Chadamony Pillay acknowledges to have received the Whole Amount. 45.46. These Charges Amounting to Pagodas 3637.-24.-13½ the Manager has an undoubted Right to, they are

on

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on Account of the Monety of Custom authorized by Government, but which have not yet been paid to C. R. Pillay by the Subordinate Agents in the Grain- the Provision and the Medical Depart=ments.

6 In Support of this Claim against the Government the Manager States, that he undertook the Arduous Duties of the Station without Salary or personal Reward of any Kind, relying on the Faith of Government to enforce the Terms of their advertizement under date the 21st March 1800, and that, now, as his frequent applications to the Agents have been unsuccessful he appeals to Government for that remuneration which has always been acknowledged as his due. In a Letter dated 21st April 1807 Copy of which we also enclose the manager States that he has consulted the Law Officers on the probability of his being able, thro' a legal process, to oblige the Subagents to pay the money, and he has been informed; that under the Terms of the advertizement he cannot hold a suit against them, which

circumstance

circumstance he conceives strengthens the Claim which he has, either that Government should cause the Amount to be paid to him, or that the Authority of Government should interfere to enable him to recover it from the Sub-Agents.—

7. The Advertizement of Government acknowledges the managers Right to receive the Moiety of Custom/ so soon as the Whole Accounts of the Bullock Department should be finally arranged/ in lieu of Salary or other Emoluments which must have been paid by Government to a Manager and as the Manager has not the Power of enforcing the Payment of this Moiety, by the Sub Agents, the Manager may reasonably be considered to have a Right to look to Government for the fulfillment of the Terms which they recognized whenever the Accounts shall be finally adjusted.—

8. Major Symons in his Report of October 1803. States that the Moiety of Custom ought to be paid to Vr. Rr. Pillayathur by the Sub Agents or by Government, because the latter authorized

authorized it—

9. In regard to the Claim for the—
full Amount which the manager has charged for
Servants Wagies Pagodas 14494-35-30 altho the Sum
of Pagodas 5834-37 " was deducted from it by our
former decision. the manager has made affidavit
that he actually paid the Whole Amount. and he
offers to produce the Receipts of the Persons who—
received it from him—

Copy of his affidavit is enclosed—
and we submit the final decision of the question
to your Lordship in Council—

10. The remaining part of V. R."—
Pillay's Account regarding the Sums for which the
Government are to be credited. as they have not in any
former Account Appeared against V. R." Pillay—
It is Suffecient to State that they are correct. and
that the amount of them Should be deducted from
the Sums which may be admitted. out of the—"
Additional Charges now brought forward—

11. We Submit to the decision of—
your Lordship in Council. the Claim which the—"

late

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late manager has made to receive Interest on the Amount which may be admitted under the present reference—also his request to receive from Government a Sotreem in lieu of reward for his Services—

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
14th May 1807—

My Lord &c.
(Signed) Rob: Bell
" P. A. Agnew
" Alex: Orr.
" J. Munro

To Captain Marshall
Secretary to the
Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant and in addetion to the Answer I gave to your letter of the 17th June 1805. under date 26th May last with enclosed an Account Current against me for Pagodas 903—5—4. beg leave to State the following remarks for the information of the Military Board

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Board —

The Sum of 6301.. 43.. 30 admitted by the Military Board for the pay of Servants in addition to Pagodas 2358. as appears in the said Account Current, makes a deficiency of Pag.s 5834.. 37.. — from the just and real Amount of Pag.s 14494.. 35.. 30. Actually paid in ready Money for the Servants in my employ — In Testimony and explanation of which I beg leave to refer to Paragraph 4 in the letter N.1 from Colonel Thomas Dallas the late principal Agent of Bullocks dated 24th February 1801. and also to My Letters N.2 under date the 6th August 1804. N.3 23d April 1805. and that of the 26th May last as abovementioned. N.4 which enclosed my Affidavit Sworn before a Majistrate that my charges for Servants is very accurate and just and that it was disbursed by me exactly as charged, I therefore humbly entreat you to recommend the Board to pass an order for the balance of the said Sum of Pagodas 5834.. 37.. — with Interest since the 29th August 1800 when I delivered over the Accounts and Cash to Major Symons otherwise I shall sustain a heavy and to me a

very

very serious loss—

All the sums inserted in the said Account Current are correct and correspond With my Cash account delivered to the Military Board thro Major Symons except the Sum of Pag.s 137..37.. Which I am to refund to the Company. it having been charged already in the former Account under the head of Charges extraordinary, and erroneously included in the said Account Current being Pagodas 530..21..50 instead of Pagodas 392..26..50 and with the exception of Pagodas 243..38..30 which I am to receive from the Company. for having only admitted in the said Account Current the Sum of Pagodas 264..21..50 instead of Pagodas 508..18.. paid and charged in the Account of Captain Mackay. Who acknowledged the said Amount of Pagodas 264..21..50 as charges for feeding Tippoo Sultans Bullocks and part of the advance made to his head Writer Ananteah. Who since returned to Major Symons the remaining Sum of Pagodas 100: as per Major Symons Receipt So

that

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that I ought to have Credit for the full advance made to him or Ananteah. The remaining sum of Pagodas 143.-38.-30 Colonel Dallas has recommended in his letter No. 1. dated the 24th February 1801. in Paragraph B. as charges to be admitted by sending people from Madras to Adjust the accounts of Bullocks which remained with the Army after the Muster taken on the 1st June, and to enable Captain Mackay to conduct the Agency from that period to the 1st October being four months—

I further beg leave to refer to Colonel Dallas's letter No. 1 under date the 24th February 1801 and to the particular explanation giving in mine No. 2 under date the 6th August 1804 both marked Paragraph C respecting the outstanding balance of Pagodas 465.-37.-20. in Camp Equipage Department examined by Major Symons—I had no personal interference with the Payment of the Sums to the petty owners in the said Department, but one Choodamony Pillay a Comicopoly in that Department was responsible to me/as well as the head owners/ who was to pay the petty owners individually &

therefore

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Therefore the outstanding balance of Pagodas 465. 37-
20. should stand against the said concicopoly in the
same manner as the respective balance on each of
their head owners. but not against Me. In short. if
the Whole of the Sums abovementioned under the ~~~
head of Servants wages. Captain Mackay And Camp
Equipage Department Amounting together to Pagodas
6,406. 33. 50 are not admitted and passed, I declare
solemnly that such Sums must be paid or Lost out
of my own pocket. I therefore hope and trust you will
be pleased to recommend the Military Board to pass
the above mentioned Sums with Interest. for I am
Still paying it —

Respecting the Monty of the usual
Custom from hire of Bullocks / not from the ~~~
Company / ordered to me by Government as per
extract of their advertizement and letter from
the Military Board to the Representatives of the
late Subordenate Agents No. 5 and 6. I beg leave
to refer to Colonel Dallas's letter No. 1 under date of
the 24th. February 1801 and to mine No. 2 dated 6th.

August

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August 1804. No. 3. 23d April 1805. and No. 4. 26th May 1806 all marked D.

I believe Colonel Dallas has fully stated and recommended every part of the above claims to be admitted before he went to England— I had no kind of Allowance whatever during the period I served, but solely counted upon that Customary perquisite to make good Most of my unavoidable heavy expences

The Monty of Custom due me by the Representative of Major Hart one of the Subordinate Agents in Guam Department as per Major Symon's account and by the former Secretary's letter to Me dated 21st November 1803 is . . . . . 3233. 17. 68.

The Monty of Custom due by Colonel Corner another Subordinate Agent in Provision Department after having received the Amount of Pagodas 243. 22. 12½ on part of it as per Major Symons account . . . 375. 24. 24½

Ditto Ditto due in the Medical Department as per Major Symon's Account . . . . . 28. 24.

Making in all Pagodas— 3637. 24. 15½

Agreeable

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Agreeable to the advertizement of Government and the decisions of the Board I have patiently waited and made repeated applications to the Subordinate Agents for the payment of Moiety of Customs due me as above Stated but hitherto without any effect having undertaken that arduous task under very possible difficultly and never suspecting that any objection would arise in the payment of the above proportion of Custom, therefore I most humbly request that the Board will be pleased to take upon themselves the Settlement thereof and pass the Amount to my Credit with Interest from the time the Bullock Accounts were finally closed in the respective Departments recovering the same from those Agents

I have not received any Kind of Allowance or Remuneration &c. from the Company to this moment for the Services I have rendered, as highly expressed and recommended to the favorable consideration of Government in Colonel Dallas's Letter No. 4. under dated 28th January 1800. No. 8. 11th

September

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September 1803. and the letter from Colonel Close No. 9 dated 5th February 1800. I beg leave further to represent to your Honorable Board that my Father many years Deid; had the honor to serve the Honorable Company as head Manager in the Garrison Storekeeper's Department for upwards of 20 years; and that after his death I have succeeded and ever since continued for these 13 years in the said employment, discharging every duty and trust most faithfully; having had under my direction the out fit of several expeditions and wars &c that occurred during that period and having always gained the good will and confidence of my Superiors as per the enclosed Copy of Certificate No. 10. from Mr. John Kenneway Garrison Storekeeper, I therefore humbly entreat and trust that the Board will condescend to take into their serious consideration the Nature of my Services during the Mysore War, and the good Character which my Father and Self have always maintained during the many years we have served the Honorable Company. And that they will be pleased

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pleased in recompence thereof to recommend me to the favorable Notice of His Lordship in Council, that I may be allowed a handsome reward Agreable to the Known generosity of the British Government. From the expences incurred in Charitable purposes and unforeseen misfortunes that have befallen me my fortune is greatly impaired, and I am unable to make a decent Provision for my family and to continue the unavoidable expences of my Choultry at Streeparoombooder. may I therefore beg leave to express my particular Wish that any reward which I may be considered to merit may be granted in a Solitum of Villages for the maintenance of myself and family; as also for the performance of the Charities at my above Choultry for the public accommodation and refreshment. I beg leave to enclose for your perusal two letters in testimony of the benefits derived by Gentlemen passengers at my said Choultry (No. 11 and 12) I further annex a Statement (No. 13) of the balance due me by the Honorable Company Rs. 6,013. 26. 37½ after admitting all the charges I am actually incurred

and

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and the Interest to be added as abovementioned—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

/Signed/ Vencala Rungam

late manager to the —

Principal Agent of Bullocks

during the Campaign —

of 1798/9.—

Fort St. George
16th March 1807—

A true Copy

/Signed/ Wm. Morison

Deputy Secretary Military Board

To the Secretary of the

Military Board

Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of your letter by —

direction of the Board, dated the 30th Ultimo, I have —

made every enquiry, which the distance of my situation

can admit into the causes of the Extra Disbursements

on Account of the Bullock Agency and finding

that much delay must be occasioned if further

investigation is made from hence therefore and

being

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being anxious to reply to the Board's letter I forward a list of charges objected to by Captain Symons for want of Vouchers which has been transmitted to me by Venata Runga Pillay. it comprises those stated in the Account that Accompanied your letter. and mentions several other expences which I hope will be admitted as unavoidable from the nature of the Agency —

A. Charge N.o 1. This first charge made by Venata Runga Pillay for Servants Wages exceeds the original sum which was found Necessary for my office as agent for Superintendance, but circumstances having occasioned Government to charge me with the office of Supply also to ensure Success in so critical an undertaking I found it absolutely necessary that a Native Agent should be Established, and from the Manner in which Venata Rungum Pillay was recommended to me, his previous knowledge of Bullock Business from having long managed that Branch of Mr. Beales employ as Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency and his seeming zeal and activity — I judge him to

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to be the fittest person for such a situation and on positively employed him in the capacity of Agent of Supply which trouble-some employ he undertook on with the view of making his fortune as no doubt has already been stated from Agreements he entered into with the Maistries at their particular on request provided would take the Field, from those Agreements every person attached to him formed on their idea of individual perquisite, and as he on informs me insisted on having very considerable Advances before they would leave their business and families. Now as it has been thought proper to set all Agreements in his favor aside, he is under the necessity of bringing those sums into his on Accounts at an average of 630 Pagodas Monthly for 23 months. the time the people were unavoidably employed on the Bullock business—

Charge No. 2. I trust it will appear evident that the Extra charges specified in the accompanying list was unavoidable and more so throughout the Campaign than in the two months they appear to be admitted for. The Carts employed to carry

carry Offic furniture &c. &c. were found to be
necessary after my leaving Madras to join the
Army and were procured by Venata Rungam pillay
exclusive of those entertained for the use of
Departments to which the whole in the pay of the
Company were found as will appear by their
Indents it will be found that as the Paymaster
brought no Carts with him for his offic furniture
&c. &c. he received them by order of the General on Indent
from the Store Department which must have been
the case also with me had two not been previously
provided ——

Marching and other employment
having in general occupied the day it became absolutely
necessary to write during the night consequently the
charge for Candles and oil became unavoidable —

The Stationary and other articles
specified in the List it is impossible for me to vouch
for the exact quantity bought, but much must
have been and above that originally received on
Indent —

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As no Bullock or Lascars were retained for the removal of the money Tumbrils and Accounts, it became necessary to hire them occasionally as described —

Charge No. 3. This charge it is impossible for me to defend — but I trust it will be admitted that an agency for supplying and conducting so many cattle could not be conducted without expence — also that it became much more unavoidable in this instance than in any that perhaps ever occurred — it is needless to recapitulate all the difficulties the Bullock Agent had to labour through, consequently the people under him from being employed from necessity in all the branches of the Department but particularly in procuring so great a supply of cattle on so short Notice the impossibility of which was pronounced by the most experienced in that business whom I consulted and advised with on the occasion — however through the activity and zeal of Venkata Rungapillay and the people, he introduced to me for employment, this almost

miracle

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Miracle was performed. I shall not pretend to say that his private pecuniary plans were exactly consistent with the intention of the Regulations but no complaints were made — And if the hope of gain secured his extraordinary exertions, to effect a great public point, it is but reasonable to suppose he employed money to procure the exertions of others but more especially at the time he was called forward into Camp — When affairs wore a very gloomy aspect indeed, to superintend the cattle in the different Departments. and if possible to get the equipment of the Army on to Seringapatam, Which at that time was dispaired of by the Commander in Chief, as well as the most sanguine and zealous officers about Head Quarter, Who from the Generals Authority constantly encouraged Venkata Rungapillay to use every exertion in his own power or in the power of Money to procure — That Money was of no consequence in comparison to the object in view — And if he Succeeded Through that or any other means in lodging the Stores before Seringapatam, he should be Rewarded — And recommended in the Strongest terms for

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for the Notice of Government. such were the expressions made to him in the times of distress, and from them he was encouraged to take every steps that could tend to effect that purpose— the laborious and indefatigable part of his exertions I witnessed. they were acknowledged by every body, And their success Speaks itself— at that time it never occurred to Me to question him respecting his disbursements, but fearless to whom he gave money— I was satisfied whilst the Army kept moving towards its object— and fearing that any scrutiny on my part into his expences might interfere with his means I studiously avoided it and now declare that no question to gain information on that subject has ever been put by me. because I conceived it expended to effect particular purposes, which could not with propriety be explained. in this point of view I hope the charge will be seen and admitted. it does not Amount to 3 ℔r. Cent on the disbursements of the Agency—

D. Charge N. 4. This seems to be retrenched for the sake of form. the Government order having directed that

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Late

D.r Lieutenant Colonel Thos. Dallas K

in Account Current with the Military Paym.r

To Cash Received		7,70,03. 9. 53
To D.o from Gram Agent Account in October 98	350 . .	
		7,70,453. 9. 53
Deduct Amount of 1 Bill in favor of Messrs. Kindersly Hals & Co.	600 . .	
		7,69,853. 9. 53
Balance due to Cast Owners		2,580. 8. 8
Ditto due to Head Owners		12,608. 26. 10½
Custom		4,548. 31. 72
Stoppages		23,567. 11. 58
Subsistence not Admitted		81,3,158. 3. 41½
Colonel Carlisle	1,130. 6. 7½	
Major Cormer	1,775. 32. 78	
Captain Barclay	17,493. 22. 70	
Old Bullocks	5,985. 12. 25	26,384. 33. 11½
		8,39,542. 36. 53
To Balance due to Venkata Runga Pillay		19770. 18. 77.
Pagodas		8,59,313. 13. 30

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Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks with the Army General from 1st. December 1798 to 31st. October 1800..... } Cr.

By Cash Expended from July to November 98.				68260. 21. 73
Issued to Departments as Pr. Indents				377841. 39. 74½
Advanced for providing 9766 Draught Bullocks		39064.	"	"
Ditto Ditto 33,975 Carriage	Do.	101745.	"	"
Ditto Ditto 697 Carts		5227. 21.	"	146036. 21. "
By hire for Draught and Carriage Bullocks with Road hire for Dec.r & Jan.y			"	102363. 35. 37
Hire for Carts for Ditto			"	1482. 21. "
Paid to Petty owners for Spare Bullocks			"	26962. 13. 50
Balance due by the Head Owners			"	12743. 26. 52
Paid on Account of Mr. Hawkins by Madrasapatam			"	429. 6. "
Ditto to Capt.n Mackay by Venkatachellem			"	684. " "
Ditto Ditto by Tombo Nayk			"	512. 21. "
Ditto Ditto by Venkatarangia Pillay			"	221. 19. 70
Ditto to Colonel Read			"	2958. 31. 12½
By Balance due by Cart owners			"	169. 29. 26
Cash Delivered to Capt.n Symons			"	50300. 5. "
Charges Extraordinary			"	137. 37. "
Servant Wages			"	2358. " "
Principal Agent Salary			"	3600. " "
				809062. 34. 77

Objectioned or Not Admitted

No. 1.	Servant Wages	12136. 35. 30	
2.	Charges Extraordinary	392. 26. 50	
3	Ditto Unavoidably incurred	22578. 25. 65	
4.	Custom	12216. 2. 28	
5.	Loss by Exchange	145. 30. 30	
6.	Ditto by Treasury	184. 33. 50	
7.	Captain Mackay	286. 40. 10	
8.	Profit & Loss on Advances Made at Maisbry	28. " "	
9.	Balance or Chadamany Pillay	42. 35. 30	
10.	Suspense Account	423. 1. 70	
		48378. 21. 43	
	Paid Tagaroy for Old Bullocks	1871. 41. 10.	50250. 20. 53
		Pagodas-	859313. 13. 50

To

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Fort St. George 3d. June 1807.

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		Pagodas-	850313. 13. 30

To

5257. Fort St. George 3d. June 1804

To Captain Macleane

Secretary to the Military Board

Fort St. George.

Sir.

I have been honored with your Letters of the 21st. November 1803. and 18th. Ultimo, with their Inclosures, and have to represent to you for the information of the Military Board and Government that the Master of Customs ordered so long ago by Government as 7th. advertizement in March 1799 before the settlement of the Bullock accounts and the Payment of the Bullock owners 7th. has not yet been made good to me by the Subordinate Agents or by their Representatives. As I had no other allowance during the last Campaign from 1st. December 1798 to 31st. March 1801 for which period I was employed. I counted upon that customary perquisite to make good the unavoidable heavy expences incurred during the time I was in the Field and at Conjeveram and Madras preparing and settling the

Bullock

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Bullock Accounts, by which delay I have experienced much inconvenience, having been obliged to take up money, for which I am still paying a heavy Interest.

A. I beg leave to inform you that Colonel Dallas, Major Symons, and myself as well as the writers and others attached to the Principal Agents Office always supposed that the Sum of 2358 Pagodas inserted in the General Account Current of the Principal Agent from 1st December 1798 to 31st May 1799 under the head of Servants Wages, calculated at the rate of 393-- Pagodas pr. month. two of which were at the Presidency and four in the Field had been approved by the late Military Auditor General, independant of the Sum of 8389-- Pagodas since passed by the Military Board for the subsequent Period— I now however observe by your letter of the 18th Ultimo, that the whole Sum admitted by the Military Board is Pagodas only 8,659-43-30 and that I am called upon to refund the Balance being Pagodas 2,087-1-50. I must solemnly declare to the President and Members of the Board that every fanam charged was disbursed for

Servants

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Servants to the truth of which I am ready to take Oath in any Way the Board or Government may be pleased to determine. And if Colonel Dallas was present he would no doubt do the same. That I actually paid S. Pagodas 14494. 35. 30 for Servant Wages employed in the Department for 23 Months from the 1st December 1798 to 31st October 1800 as pr. Particulars delivered into the Board. Which upon an average does not exceed Pagodas 630. 30. 50 pr. Month. The Charges of Servants Wages at the Presidency previous to taking the Field, was little short of Pagodas 500 pr. Month and altho' Colonel Dallas had unlimited Authority to charge Whatever was necessary — he was desirous that the same should not exceed 400 Pagodas. and requested that the Accounts might be stated Accordingly: To this proposal I agreed, confiding in the Stipulations made With the head Bullock owners. by Which I was to have received a liberal Allowance, and Charged Accordingly at the rate of 393 Pagodas for the six first Months. as before Mentioned. But as the Agreements made with the Head Bullock owners

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were not realized, a circumstance with which the Board are well acquainted. I have therefore been compelled to bring forward the actual expence. — It must be evident to the Board that it was not possible for me to have undertaken so important and complicated a charge without having the advantage of able and active Servants, and that they could not be induced to leave their families to serve in the Field without an encrease of pay, — which was allowed, independant of occasional — Presents to command their best exertions on many — trying occasions — Had I applied to the Commander in Chief in the Field, such was the confidence — reposed in me, and the necessity of giving every facility to the Departments under my charge, that I am fully satisfied my disbursements would have been allowed to the fullest extent. The — General and many others of the Principal Officers in Command having repeatedly declared in — Public that on my exertions greatly depended the march of the Army, and probably the fate

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of the Campaign. And such was the satisfaction which my management generally gave, that they assured me my Services should not be neglected. and that they would consider it as a duty to make them known, that I might be rewarded accordingly by Government. Without a Sufficient Number of Active Servants it would have been utterly impossible to have collected and kept up the immense number of Bullocks required in so short a time, to have managed at same time the Grain Store and Camp Equipage Departments, Surrounded With so many difficulties as constantly occurrid — Colonel Dallas — before he embarqued for Europe was pleasid to recommend to the Military Board that the different charges should be admitted, and was kind enough at same time to Assure me before a respectable Gentleman in the Military Board that I should not be called upon to refund even a fanam out of the charges incurrid in the Bullock Department, under this Assurance I had no hesitation in becoming Security for Colonel Dallas Accounts. I have the fullest confidence that

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the Board under such circumstances will not permit me to be a Sufferer. And I therefore most humbly entreat that they will pass the remaining Sum of Pagodas 6105. 35. 30 required to compleat the Sum of S. Pagodas 14494. 35. 30. Actually disbursed by Me and charged under the head of Servants Wages in consideration of my Services inpromoting the Succefs of the Army —

I further beg leave to inform you

6. that Captain Barclay late Agent for Camp Equipage Department and myself have delivered over to one Soodamony Pillay Comicopoly of the same Department the Sum of Pagodas 19538. 6. 20. to pay the owners of Bullocks employed in that Department. for which the said Comicoply has produced the owners Acknowledgements before Major Symons for only the Sum of Pagodas 19072. 11. instead of Pagodas 19538. 6. 20. and delivered to the said Gentlemen an Account Current signed including the outstanding Balance of Pagodas 465. 37. 20. I had no personal Interference in the Payment, but that only of Superintending it, and as Major Symons has only

given

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given me Credit for the Sum of Pagodas 19,672. 11. 2
After deducting the outstanding Balance of Pagodas
465. 37. 20 which has not been passed by the Military
Board. I am of course short that Sum in the Balance
due me. I therefore trust from this explanation
that the Military Board will be pleased to pass
the said Sum of Pagodas 465. 37. 20 from my
Account. and carry it to the head of outstanding
Balance which may be collected with the other
Balances—

The Sum of Pagodas 137. 37.
which has been included twice under the Head of
Charges Extraordinary I find as you state it, and
shall consequently give Credit for that Amount—

I shall have infinite pleasure
in exerting my best endeavours towards compelling
the Head owners to refund the outstanding
Balances due to Government for which purpose
I request to be furnished with a List of their
names. and the Amount of their respective
Balances for my Guedance. and that I may be
authorized to draw an Indent of Cash when
required

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required to defray the charges of Prosecution &c. of which I will render a faithful Account—

It is impossible for any one not on the spot to form an Idea of the trouble and vexation attending the important duty intrusted to me, whilst in the Field, and with the Army, and had I not received the most flattering promises both from the Commander in Chief and many of his Principal Officers, that my Services would not pass unrewarded, and that every assistance should be given me, I doubt much if I should have had resolution to continue in the employ, as by fretting and want of rest my health was greatly impaired, and upon one occasion when I had remained behind to dispatch some Notes left behind a little above the Ghauts—

I was nearly by the Enemy's Cooly horse. I had the Great Consolation of meriting the good Will and Approbation of my Superior Colonel Dallas who often told me that he had fully represented to the Military Board the nature of the Services which I performed and as a proof of the idea which he and Colonel Close entertained of my conduct, I beg leave to enclose for the satisfaction

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satisfaction of the Board Authentic copy of a letter
Written me by the former, as also Copy of one from
the latter to the former on my Subject, and as several
of the Gentlemen now composing the Military Board
may be unacquainted With what formerly passed
on the Subject, I shall highly esteem your laying before
them With this enclosures any Letters addressed to the
Board Respecting my conduct

Trusting to the Generosity of the
Honorable Company Who always reward With a
Liberal hand those Natives Who have served them
With honor and Fidelity on great and trying occasions
such as I had to encounter. And having at Sametime
the most flattering Assurances from my Superiors
And many other respectable Gentlemen that my
Services would be handsomely rewarded, I chearfully
altho' With diffidence undertook the important
charge confided to me leaving my family and many
private concerns at the Presidency to the charge of
my friends. Having performed to the utmost
of What was expected of me, and Witnessed the fall
of the Capital of the Mysore, the Glorious consequences

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of that Campaign I took up with the fullest confidence that I shall be recommended by the Board to receive from Government such remuneration and Honorable testimony of their approbation as my zeal and best endeavours to promote the Public Service may appear to merit.

I cannot well comprehend the nature of several charges inserted in the abstract of Account Current which accompanied your Letter of the 21st. November, without a reference to the Particulars, and I therefore request that I may be admitted to look over the Papers connected therewith in your Office or that extracts may be issued for my investigation.

I have the honor to be

S.r S.r

(Signed) Venkata Rungum

Late Head Manager to the Principal Agent to Draught and Carriage Bullocks during the Campaign of 1798/9.

Fort St. George
6th. August 1807.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Morison
Deputy Sec.y Milit.y Board

To

5267. Fort St. George 3d. June 1807.

To Captain Marshall

Secretary to the

Military Board.

Sir,

Being as yet without the honor of an Answer to my letter of 6th. August last year, I am apprehensive that the Subject may have escaped your Notice, and therefore humbly take the liberty of Again addressing you, to request that you will have the goodness to embrace the earliest convenient Opportunity of bringing the Business forward for the kind Notice and finale determination of the Military Board.—

I cannot easily explain to you the very great inconvenience which I suffer from my claims being still unsettled, owing to some unforseen and probably unavoidable delays, at the Pay troublesome and intricate Accounts of the Bullock Departments under my charge, having been finally Adjusted so long ago as 6th. December 1800 under the immediate inspection, and with the Approbation

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of Major Symonds. This delay has been peculiarly distressing to me, not only because my own Accounts are still in suspence, And my Services unrewarded, but because I am unfortunately deprived of the support and testimony of many Gentlemen in high Situations who were well acquainted with the Arduous and important task which I undertook &c. and the Series of difficulties which I had to struggle through in its Accomplishment; Amongst these, I will take the liberty of mentioning the distinguished names of Lord Clive, Generals Harris, Brathwaite and Lydenham, Colonels Close, Dallas, and &c Richardson, Major Allan and Mr. Webb, Some of whom have gone to Europe, and others are now no more.— Colonel Close alone remains in India, and his sentiments, as also those of Colonel Dallas, respecting my Services, are already in the possession of the Board, and may be collected not only from the Letters which accompanied my Cast, but also from the numerous Public Letters of the latter, who being my immediate Superior had the fairest Opportunity of Judging of my Conduct.—

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The Army had made but little
progress into the Enemys Country, when their march
was greatly interrupted by the death and weakness
of the Bullocks, which had been collected with infinite
trouble from distant parts of the Country.— It was
then that I was requested by the Commander in
Chief as well as by many of the Principal Officers
about him to take charge of the Stores, Grain and
Camp Equipage in addition to the Principal Agency
of Bullock Department, with the flattering
Assurances that great confidence was placed in
me, and that my Services Should be properly
represented by them to Government which I can-
not doubt has been done. It pleased the almighty
so to dispose of my Services, that the results have
far surpassed my most sanguine expectations.
It was no small gratification, and it will ever
be the pride of my life to have been assured on the
spot by General Harris, and Several of the Gentlemen
beforementioned, that owing to my Zealous and
effectual exertions the Army were enabled to
persevere in the Seige of Seringapatam, for had

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the moment not been embraced, or had any delay arisen in the Departments under my charge, the rains would have set in, and must have protracted for a time the fall of that Capital, — to which circumstances it is known the Sultan looked forward — with no little anxiety and confidence. —

By a liberal distribution of money on all sides accompanied often with threats, promises and intreaties, this immense machine was continued in rapid motion, to the great satisfaction of all the Army, and arrived before Seringapatam at a very critical moment when the supplies of water, straw, and Rice were nearly exhausted, and the Bullocks reduced by death and disease to nearly one half. —

It is unnecessary for me to take up the valuable time of the Board by detailing the personal exertions that were necessary on my part to check, watch over and forward the different departments confided to my care, independant of which I had also the charge of

of the Cash, and became responsible for between six and seven Lacs of Pagodas, distributed amongst many thousand of Bullock owners from all parts of the Carnatic, for which sums I passed my obligations to the late Military Auditor General, and Captain Symonds, which remain in the possession of the Board. I likewise gave security to be responsible for about 20,000 Pagodas for Colonel Dallas, previous to his departure for England, and afterwards passed his Accounts in the Office of the Military Auditor General.

Upon the glorious termination of the War in the Mysore, I flattered myself that I had little to do but make up my Accounts and look forward for the reward of my hard earned services, instead of which I have been obliged to go into the detail with Captain Symonds of every Bullock Account, producing the proofs for every charge, and getting the Accounts Current of each head Mastre and petty owners declared and Signed before Witnesses, which Books are in the possession of the Board Balanced to a fariam, Independant of which I have had an infinity of trouble with many

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of these litigious and illiterate people, who have repeatedly forced me into Court from resisting their unjust and unreasonable pretention against Government.—

I fully represented in my former letter the circumstances attending the disbursements of Star Pagodas 14,494-35-30 for Servants Wages, from which sum there still continues due to me a Balance of Star Pagodas 6105-35-30 with the Interest thereon since August 1800.— I have also to lay before the Board that to this hour all my exertions have been ineffectual to recover any part of the monty of Customs so long ago awarded me by the Board, altho I have repeatedly applied by letter and otherwise to the Agents of the parties concerned.—

I declare most solemnly that I have in no shape derived any advantage from the flattering and very important trusts committed to my superintendance during the Campaign of 1799/9 as above enumerated, which may easily be proved to the satisfaction of the Board, by a reference to the subordinate Agents, the head Mastrs

Petty

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Petty Owners of Bullocks and Servants attached to the different departments, many of whom are at the Presidency, and can be examined in any way that the Board may judge proper. To the Contrary, I do declare, that I have been put to great inconvenience and uneasiness from the disbursement of the former sum, and from the latter not being paid me, as I am indebted a much larger sum to the House of Messrs. T. B. H. & Co. as can be proved by a reference to any of the Members of that respectable firm, whom I have constantly disappointed. I have therefore to implore in the most earnest manner the favourable Consideration and support of the Military Board in the recovery of the Sums abovementioned, and take the liberty at same time of suggesting, that for whatever Remuneration Government may think proper to assign me as a Memorial of my zeal in promoting the Public Welfare, may be testified by the grant of a Village on Coatrums, as held by several respectable Natives.

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) Vencata Rangaya Lak Nadd
manager to Principal Agent for Draught
and Carriage Cattle during the Campaign
of 1792/3.

Madras
23d April 1805.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Morison
Dep. Sec. to M. Board

To

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To the President and Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

Having made many applica-
tion to your Board for a final adjustment of the
Bullock Accounts of Colonel Dallas's Agency in
the Mysore War of 1799- hitherto without effect,
and earnestly wishing to have it in my Power
to procure some documents the better to procure for
me this most desirable event- I have delayed
answering your Secretary's letter of the 17th. June
last, until a search amongst my records might
put it in my power to find papers useful to my
cause- I have accordingly succeeded And now enclose
Copies of two letters addressed by Colonel Dallas to
the Military Board marked No. 1 and 2 on the Subject
of my claim on Account of Servants employed under
me, and also relative to the Remuneration I was
encouraged to hope for on my own Account, to these
papers I add a Copy of a letter from Colonel Close
and one from Colonel Dallas to myself which

also

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also relates to the points above stated and serves
particularly to validate the above claims when in
company with Colonel Dallas I waited on the
Military Auditor General for to give security for
the final Audit of Colonel Dallas's Accounts, that
Gentleman / Lieutenant Colonel Brunton if he pleases
to remember himself will no doubt recollect
Colonel Dallas's assuring me that his letter to the
Military Board would settle all the Bullock
Accounts in the most favourable manner by
admitting all the charges for servants and also that
my remuneration would positively be paid
And that the Whole of the said Accounts would
be finally settled on Colonel Symons's return from
Camp, in consequence of Such assurances I gave my
Security to the Military Auditor General for the issue of
the Settlement of the said Accounts.

A In addition to these papers I also
enclose my affidavit taken before a Magistrate
that my charge for Servants is just and was
disbursed by me exactly as charged in further
proof of my having paid the Money according to

my

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my charge most of the Servants are here and
may be examened by the Board Whether or Not
the sums placed opposite to their respective names
was not positively paid to them by me. these
evidences will certainly settle this charge in my
favor, to the generosity of Government I must
trust for my remuneration.

D. The Moiety of Customs
awarded to me by Public Government Advertise=
=ment has been honorably paid to me by Colonel
Bell but Mr. Hart absolutely refuses to pay me
his share I therefore trust that the Authority of
Government Will be interposed in my favor. I am
informed Mr. Hart has claims on Government in
favor of his Brother for Payment of Grain. I hope my
claim may be stopped from his claim.

I am greatly sorry to be obligid
to trouble your Board so often but where can I go
for redress I am altogether Without Support unless
the Public papers I now lay before you as also
the Justice of my own claims shall be allowed
to plead my cause, I only ask for Justice which

your

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your Board has a good Name for if you should not yourselves decide on my Claims Respectfully entreat they may with the enclosures be laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Garrison Storekeeper's Office
Madras 26th. May 1806.

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Venkata Runguin

A true Copy

(Signed) A Stock

Sec. to Secretary to Mily Board

Extract from the Government Advertisement
Dated 21st. March 1800

Para 6th. Being however an immemorial usage, that certain deductions should be made from the entire hire of Bullocks for Custom or Commission to defray certain expenses incidental to the Provision and regulation of the Bullocks, and all parties concerned having already given their free consent, &c

that

that the said deduction shall be made according to established Custom, Viz^t. Three fanams in the monthly hire of each Bullock. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is therefore pleased to permit and direct, that a Sum arising from the aggregate of the said Commission or Custom on the hire of every Bullock originally Mustered for the Service in Mysore, and a similar commission or custom of two fanams on each Pagoda on the Amount of the gratuitous donations above detailed, shall be applied in the Manner, in which the individual Bullock owners themselves have proposed to apply it; that is to say, one half to the head Servant of the late principal Agent, and the other half to be divided Among the principal Owners, in proportion to the Number of Bullocks furnished under their Agency, respectively.

Para 7th That this Commission shall be considered to be a full compensation for all extra expenses, which the principal owners may have incurred in providing the Bullocks for the Service, or in regulating and superintending the details of the Department, and that the Monty payable as above to

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to the head Servant of the principal Agent shall be paid to him on the same principles.

Para 10th. That no part of the authorized Commission shall be paid to the head Servant of the late principal Agent, until the whole of the Account of the Bullock Departments shall have been finally arranged.—

True Extracts

/Signed/ J. Marshall

Secretary Military Board

A true Copy

/Signed/ A. Stock

Asst. Secry. Mily. Board

Extract from a Letter from the Military Board dated 14th May 1804 to the Representatives of the late Subordinate Agents in the Store and Grain Departments during the Mysore War of 1799.—

"Giving therefore the whole Subject an impartial consideration it appears to the Military Board that there can be no doubt but the management and responsibility so far as regards the

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the supplying of Bullocks, in the first instance, and the pecuniary disbursements of the Agency continued with Venkataramgapillay untill May 1800; when he delivered over to the respective Subordinate Agents the Cash Accounts, Vouchers &c. belonging to each Department consequently he (Venkataramgapillay) alone, is the person entitled to receive the monty of Customs, Agreeably to the orders of Government dated 21st March 1800- Paragraphs 6th and 10th.

A True Extract

(Signd) J. Marshall

Sect. Military Board

A True Copy

(Signd) A. Stock

Asst. Sect. Milit. Board.

Major General Brathwate

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

President and Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

The Affair of the Bullock Agency being about to undergo a thorough investigation by

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by the Military Board. I think it incumbent on me to state in a manner as explicit as possible the principles on which it appears to me the whole of the Department was originally fixed, and has since been conducted.

The fundamental principle of my Office, made it totally distinct from an Office of Supply, and the Regulations which are founded on that principle provided for the conduct of my Department in a manner consistent with its intention - The Regulation which were framed for the subordinate Departments are also consistent with that System, and suppose them to be totally distinct from that of general Custody.

The Regulations by which the Whole Department is about to be finally judged provide for a Separate Office, and apparently for an Established System of Supply - If a strict adherence to these principles had been observed, the Accounts of my Department would have been

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so simplified as to have relieved me from a very considerable anxiety. as well as from the necessity; of adopting a line of conduct not strictly conformable to the intended duties of a Principal Agent, but as the absolute abandonment of these principles has placed me in a situation very different from that of a Principal Agent. it is material to the candid and just consideration of the Whole case, that the deviation from the principle should be stated and recognized — It is well known that the Office of Supply was never instituted; and it is well known that my own Appointment was immediately followed by orders for the actual provision of Bullocks, to a very large extent, and under circumstances of the most pressing urgency; if an office of Supply had been established, the Bullocks would have been provided in conformity to the Spirit of the Regulations; and in the same Spirit, I should have exercised the distinct duties of controul, instead of becoming the defender of the mode by which, the late Supplies were absolutely provided — My Office of Controul however, verged into that of Supply at

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a time when the pressing demands of the Service had already superceded the slow process of systematized regulations. I found no established mode of supply by which immediate communication could be opened with subordinate Bullock owners, time was too pressing to admit the institution of a System, which however advantageous in theory, was and is yet new, and prudence under the heavy responsibility with which I became charged precluded me from precarious experiment. When the effects of ascertained practice pointed out the road to positive success, the provision of Bullocks became the object of General solicitude, it was my only object of consideration, And it was necessary to act while the Regulations if taken to urge the Argument were yet in embryo — Under these circumstances I had recourse to the only established Mode by which the Armies of the Company had been supplied with Bullocks in preceding times, I advanced Money to the Head Owners, a discription of Persons originating in that established practice and in

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the Arrangements for Public Security with re-
=spect to those Men of whom I had, nor could have had, no
personal knowledge, I had further recourse to
that mode by employing the Agency of Venkata =
=Rungam, whose successful exertions on a former
occasion had recommended him to my choice
and whose subsequent exertions have been fully
equal not only to my own but the public ex-
=pectations. —

Having stated this fact, which
involves in its effects the complete provision of
Bullocks within 2½ Months at the expiration
of which the army actually Marched, I will not
detain your Board with hypothetical argu =
=ments drawn from an inversion of the known
order of things at that critical period, from a
Provocation of the counter influence of the Body
of Superior owners under that order of things, nor
from the untried predicament of an individual
European calling forth and uniting the interest of
a host of owners from every Corner of the Carnatic.
This experiment I left to times of less urgent necessity,

and

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and had a very sincere satisfaction in finding — that the System to which I adhered proved to be completely successful.

Having thus performed the joint but incompatible duties of the Principal Agent for the controul as well as the supply of Bullocks, — I delivered them over to the Subordinate Agents under such a pressing demand for the use of them, as by precluding the possibility of Appropriation involved an incorrigible confusion of the interests of the — inferior Owners — The Army had made but a small progress into the Enemy's Country when the inconvenience of this Arrangement was deeply felt; and it became necessary to restore practicability to the movement of the Army by a further Sacrifice of the principles of the System for which the System of the existing Regulations provide — I was ordered by the Commander in Chief to take Charge of the Department of a Subordinate Agent in Camp, and by that means united in myself the then distinct Offices of the Whole Bullock — Department, of the Issues of this final arrangement

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it would be unbecoming in me to speak, but dearly as I love the voice of public praise, justice requires that I should share it on no contracted scale with Venkata Rungam.—

In this recapitulation I have traced the fundamental subversion of the great principles of the System intended by the Regulations, and as the progressive departure from these principles was rendered imperious by the increasing difficulties of the Public Service, so the ultimate success of the Department arose from a continued series of exertions foreign in their origin to the nature of the supposed System, and therefore not liable in the ultimate estimation of them to the controul of its principles.—

On this point, I rest, and claim from the candour of your Board a fair consideration of the causes which have produced this entire change of the System, and with it the ultimate success of the Service.— In the result of this consideration I feel myself so much indebted to

Venkata

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Venceta Rangum that I should Consider it a
private ingratitude and public injustice not
to support with all the energy of which I am
capable his claims for a compensation. For myself
I trust that it is unnecessary for me to assure
you that your decision can make no difference of
a pecuniary Nature, and with respect to
Venceta Rangam, to suppose that he quitted
a tranquil and lucrative situation at the
Presidency for the certain toil And danger of a
Campaign, or that he involved a considerable
portion of his private fortune Without the expec-
tation of an adequate return, would be adverse
to the experience of human Nature. If I have received
the reward which is thought sufficient for my
exertions and the Public commendation of the
Commander in Chief and of the Governor General
has bestowed a Value on my Services, from which
his situation excludes Venceta Rangam — His
Claims and his Services yet want remuneration.
and it is my duty (a duty which I discharge in

part

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perfect unison with that which I owe to the state) to place his merits in the most conspi=cuous point of view before your Boards.— In concluding this separate letter I beg leave to explain that it is my intention neither to — Defend the system in which necessity has — constrained me to act, nor to infringe that which is the object of the existing Regulations, my only wish is to state the principles on which the Service has been actually conducted and to urge the justice of your founding the consideration of the case now before you upon those Actual — principles, with this view, I have confined myself in this Letter to an explanation of principles and have reserved particular details for a distinct communication— I have been further induced to observe this arrangement that the — principles on which the Bullock Department has been successfully conducted may, if — necessary, be brought in a ... more collected form under the Notice of the Right Honorable

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The Governor in Council.—

28th. January 1800.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

A True Copy (Cro. Signature in the original sent by Mackenzie Rungaum.)

Signed J. H. Morison

Deputy Secretary

Military Board

My Good friend Venkata Rungam

Now that I am about to leave this Country for the recovery of my health and perhaps for ever, I think it incumbent on me to acknowledge in the most sincere terms the high sense I shall ever retain of your unremitting Zeal for the Public Service whilst assisting me in the most arduous undertaking that has occurred in this Country, and I have no hesitation in declaring that had it not been my good fortune to fall in with so able an Assistant as yourself it is more than probable that that Campaign which terminated so gloriously and so much to the Advantage of

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the Company, and the British Nation, would have failed even after the part which was expected from me (the providing of Bullocks) was fulfilled. Acknowledgements to the same effect by Officers in high Station, and high in respectability, have long ago been laid before Government (whether General Harris did recommend you to the particular attention of Government is he declared he would do on the arrival of his Army and its Departments at Seringapatam I know not; but I am certain that no part of your Conduct could give him just cause to with-hold that recommendation he once allowed you to have so fully merited. It certainly has been your misfortune to be abused by a Set of Men who, themselves, have turned out infamous without (after the most strict Scrutiny) being able to injure your Character as an honest Man, whilst others, who are acquainted with the circumstances, must be convinced of your liberality to them (the Bullock people) and how much the Public benefited by your adopting a System

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System which no Native within my acquaintance but yourself would have Attempted on the mere word of his Superiors, and, I can have no doubt when the Accounts of the Agency for that periods are completely closed to the Satisfaction of the Military Board but those circumstances will be recollected & and that you will meet with a just reward for your exertions and trouble — The perquisite awarded to you by order of Government of a part of a certain deduction from the hire of each Bullock, there can be no doubt of your receiving Whatever payment the Subordinate Agents may have paid to their own Servants, but when that is received it ought not to be considered as the Reward merited by your Services it being only a part of a never failing perquisite, of two fanams for Pagoda, which from time immemorial has been allowed by Natives in every public Situation to the principal Native Servant of the person who employed them, consequently it cannot be considered as a remuneration from Government

I have

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I have perhaps said more in this letter than may be considered proper but it is not in my power to touch on the Subject of your exertions throughout every Stage of that Campaign without feeling inclined to do you every justice. My own zeal and exertions were put to their utmost stretch but I must confess they would probably have failed in producing the desired effect had they not been so ably supported by you — this I shall ever feel happy in acknowledging whenever the Subject is started and I trust, there are others who in certain instances witnessed your Merit on the March to Seringapatam, Who still remain in this Country and may have it in their power to recommend you to the Notice of Government, when the proper time comes, both for those exertions in the time of Need and the unremitting and laborious Attention you have paid during the last five years to the adjustment of the most intricate of all Accounts —

I who we shall soon be at a great

distance

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distance from each other I shall ever continue
to be your most sincere friend and well wisher.—

/Signd/ Tho.s Dallas

A true Copy

/Signd/ A. Stock

A.G. Dept. Mad.y Ho.s

Madras
11th. September 1803—

My Dear Dallas

I am favored With your Packet
of the 31st. Instant, and as I retain a very lively
remembrance of the benefit derived from Venesta
Rangams Service during the late Campaign —
I am no ways displeased that you have manifested
a desire to be furnished With my opinion on the
Subject of his merits, in assisting you to Collect
so large a number of Cattle in so short a period, —
our Superiors are competent to form a judgement
more accurate than I could possibly offer I shall
therefore confine myself to a Statement of what —
I observed of his zeal and activity in the Field. —
As the Army drew near to —
Bengalore, extreme difficulty was experienced in
the

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the Store Department from want of conveyance,
upon examination it was found that this
difficulty did not proceed so much from any
scarcity of Public Bullocks With the army as from
an improper disposition in some of the principal
Mastris of the Store Department Who revolted each
other and had differed in a point of precedence The
consequence of their disagreement became very Serious
- The Bullock collected and reckoned upon over night
were not forth coming in the morning, and the result
was that when the Troops began to move off
numerous Loads were found upon the Ground
Without any means to convey them on the March
I communicated these distressful Appearances to
the Commander in Chief, and, With his Approbation
referred myself to you, intimating the ill effects
which resulted from so alarming a Despostion
on the part of the Bullock Mastries and adding
how necessary it was that their dissatisfaction
and differences should be terminated - And such
an Arrangement of the Public Cattle adjusted as
that those present With the Mastries in the
Store

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Store Department and such as they might be
further able to collect should be cordially applied
to the Public Service — I observed that to produce such
desirable consequences it appeared to me that the
active interposition of Venkata Rangam was absolutely
necessary, and, that if he would exert himself to
bring about a reconciliation between the Mastries,
remove their Dissatisfaction and allot the Public Cattle
so that they should be ready to take up their Loads at
the proper time on marching days, I should consider
him as contributing very essentially to the Public
Interest and be happy in having an opportunity
to mention his merits to our Superior — I have great
pleasure in stating that you met my suggestions
most cordially, remarking that although Venkata
Rangam had much business to attend to still you
did not doubt but he would willingly exert himself
to the utmost of his power for the attainment of the
ends desired and was accordingly sent for and
after giving us the most satisfactory assurances, he
assembled the Mastries of the Store Department,

I have

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effected a reconcilation between them, and established arrangements by which their Bullocks were ascertained and allotted to Loads with spare Cattle to Answer deficiencies from Casualties- The useful effects of these his Exertions, became immediately apparent- The Mastries no longer shewed themselves dissatisfied, their Cattle were properly applied and although the loss of Bullocks was for a time very Serious the pressure from want of conveyance materially diminished- at about this period I believe, you took upon yourself the Superintendance of the Carriage in the Store Department which was shortly after disencumbered of some unnecessary Stores, the Mastries too managed to collect some fresh Cattle And some aid of Carriage being procured from the Nizams Detachment and Individuals, it became evident that the Army would succeed in conveying it's immense Equipment to its destination- It is proper I should remark that from the time Venkata Rangam came forward to reconcile the Mastries and otherwise apply his Exertions to forward the Service, I had frequent

occasion

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occasion to observe his personal activity in seeing the Cattle arranged and fed and attending in the morning on marching days at different places to provide that No Loads were left on the Ground, and that being strongly impressed with a sense of the public advantage derived from his Services — I took occasion to notice my sentiments in these respects to Major Allan, to whom he was particularly known, expressing my hopes that at the conclusion of the Campaign he would be rewarded with some mark of Public Approbation. —

I remain

Y.r Y.r

Colar

5.th February 1800 —

/Signed/ B.r Close

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ Thos. Dallas

A true Copy

/Signed/ A. Stock

Asst. Secretary

I do hereby Certify that Venkatarangam has held the office of head Native Mainager in the Garrison

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Garrison Storekeepers Department since the Death of his Father Veerapillay 1794, who served the Company Upwards of 20 years with deligence and fidelity. and I do further Certify that I have every reason to be satisfied with the Conduct of Vencatarangum during the time I have held the office of the Garrison Storekeeper. which has been marked by zeal and Activity in forwarding the Publick Service —

Fort St. George
9th May 1805 — /Signed/ John Kenneworthey
Garrison Storekeeper

Venkata Rungah Pillay

I have much pleasure in acquainting you that on my way to Madras to meet my Family I halted 3 days at your House at Sriuparmadore where I received every Attention from your Servants they wished to put up all the furniture but I would not allow them to take so much trouble on

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my Account, I have to offer you my best thanks for the great comforts and accommodation I received, and to add that the attention of your Servants was remarkable — although unknown to you, my gratitude obliges me to address a Note of thanks to you and I trust all the others of my countrymen that are so highly flattered by your generous and Public Spirit will act in like manner —

Reajies Choultry
5th January 1807 —

I am &c. &c.
(signed) C. Rand
Town Major of Seringapatam

Venket Runga Pillay

I am at a loss which to admire most the elegance and magnificence

of

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of your Buildings at this place or the Spirit that has caused their Execution — you have done a deed which will hand your name down to the latest Posterity, and to shew you how highly I appreciate such Actions, I send you a Slogum, Extracted from the Book — Nidesarum, which as containing one of the Precepts of your Religion, will be easier understood by you, And may be deemed an appropriate Inscription when you shall have concluded your undertaking —

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) T. H. Baber

Annatyanni Sharirannie
Nelaivè maiva shashuvädu
Nellyam sannitdo murtyin
Karkunniyum DARMA
Sangrahum —

Venkat Rungapillay
Naggarum 16. Jan.y. 1807

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Dr. { Vencata Runga Pillay late
In Account Current with.

To Cash the Balance in favor of the Honorable Company as taken from Account Current No. 3	30880. 13. 39.	30880. 13. 39.
To Cash received as Balance of a Account Current Dated 21st November	1162. 13. 76.	
To Balance due by me to Old Bullock Owners for Major Symons Account	1965. 12. 28.	
		34007. 39. 63
Balance due to me by the Honorable Company	6013. 26. 3½	
Pagodas		40021. 24. 2½

N.B. The Interest to be added as per the Letter of This date
Fort St. George 16th March 1807.

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Manager to Lieutenant Colonel Dallas
the Honorable Company ..... } Cr.

By the pay of Servants admitted by the Military Board ...	6301. 43. 30	
By Ditto to be admitted by the Mily. Board	5834. 37. "	
By loss Sustained in the Repayment of Cash on Account of Exchange	145. 30. 30	
By loss Sustained in the treasury Adjusting Cash	184. 33. 50	
By charges Extraordinary	392. 26. 50	
By loss in consequence of the death of a Bullock Mastry	28. - "	
By Cash advanced to Captain Mackay agent for Cattle above the Ghauts ...	264. 21. 50	
By Cash delivered to Major Symons by an entire head writer of Captain Mackay as per Ar.	100. " "	
By Cash advanced to writer Mc Adjust the Account of Bullocks in the army from 1st. June to 1st. October 1800 being 4 Months	131. 18. "	
By Ditto to Stationary for Ditto	12. 20. 30	143. 38. 30
By charges unavoidably incurred		2268. 25. 65.
By outstanding Balance on the Camp Equipage Department	465. 37. 20	36384. " 5
By moiety of Custom due to me by the Representatives of Major Hart on the Grain Department	3233. 14. 68	
By Ditto of Ditto due to me by Colo. Conner on Provision Department ...	375. 24. 2½	
By Ditto of Ditto in the Medical Department	28. 24. "	3637. 21. 15½
Pagodas		40021. 24. 20½

A true Copy
Signed/ A. Stock
Asst. Surv.

No Signature

Received

5303. Fort St. George 3d. June 1807.

Received of Acharloo a Bill of Exchange for one hundred Star Pagodas drawn on B. Roebuck Esq.r Military Paymaster General by Mr. Gordon Asst. of Seringapatam on Account of the Principal Agent Madras the 12th. February 1801.

(Signed) J. H. Lumon
Captain

A true Copy

(Signed) Vencata Rangam

To Captain Marshall

Secretary to the

Military Board

Sir,

With respect to the Mouty of Custom stated in my Letter to you under date the 16th. Ultimo I beg leave to add for the information of the Military Board I have endeavoured by the Virtue of the Extracts of Government Advertisement dated 21st. March 1800 and from Letters of the Military Board dated 14th. May 1804. to the Representatives of the late Subordinate Agents

on

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in the Store and Grain Department during the Mysore War in 1799 to prosecute in the Supreme Court &c against the representative of Major Hart the late Subordinate Agent of Grain Department to recover the Monty of Custom Collected for me from the Bullock owners as per the advertisement of &c Government and detained by himself Without &c giving over to me but I understand that I cannot have any effect or Gain by a Suit in the Supreme Court to recover the same by the Vertue of the said Extracts

You must be well aware Sir, that I recevied No Salary or Allowance Whatsoever &c during my Services except the Monty of the alluded Custom ordered to me as set forth. I am sorry to State that so much or more of that Sum of Monty of Custom I have already expended to my Subsistence and other unavoidable &c Expences attended to me for the Period of 2 years and 4 Months of my Services as already Stated in my last letter to the Military Board dated

6th August

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6th August 1804; I obtained no private Agreument or obligation from the Subordinate Agents to force them for the Payment of the said Monty of Custom, but every one performed their respective duties in obedience and confidence to the orders of Government, therefore I cannot be a loser for the Want of a Compliance of Major Harts representative agreable to the said advertisement-

In Confidence of Which I most humbly beg that you will be pleased to request the Military Board to recommend me to the generosity of Government for the Payment of such Monety of Custom so as to make their Servant happy for what I have already expended to my Subsistance during my servitude.

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

/Signd/ Vencata Rangam
Late Head Manager to the late
Principal Agent for Draught and
Carriage Cattle during the late
Mysore War

Madras
21st April 1804-

A true Copy
/Signd/ A. Stock
Acting Secretary

Fort

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Fort S.t George 23.d May 1806

Venealarungapillay formerly head Servant under Colonel Thomas Dallas when principal Agent for Bullocks in the Mysore War of 1799 do Voluntarily and most Solemnly Swear that I disbursed on Account of the Public Servants of the above department the full Sum of Pagodas 1444 35 30 on Account of the establishment of Public Servants by which I have not in any shape directly or indirectly profited by, nor never shall hereafter derive profit or Advantage therefrom in any way or shape Whatsoever —

Sworn to at Fort S.t George this 23.d of May 1806 — } Signed/ Venealu Rungam

Before Me

Signed/ R.A. Maitland

Justice of Peace

List

5307. Fort St. George 3d. June 1807.

List of Papers forwarded with the Report of the Military Board to Government dated 14th. May 1807. regarding the Accounts of Venatachungah Pillay Head Manager to the Principal Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks in the Years 1798 9

No.		Date of the Papers
	Copy Letter from Venatarungah Pillay to the Secretary military Board With the following 13 Enclosures Viz.t	16th March 1807.
No.1	Copy Letter from Colonel Dallas to the Secretary Military Board With Enclosures	24th February 1801
No.2	Ditto from Venatarungah Pillay to do	6th August 1804
No.3	Ditto from — Ditto — to do	23d April 1805
No.4	Ditto from — Ditto — to do	26th May 1806.
No.5	Extract from the Government Advertisement	21st March 1800.

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No 6	Extract of a Letter from the Military Board to the Representatives of the late Subordinate Native Agents	14th May 1804
No 7	Copy Letter from Colonel Dallas to the Military Board	28th January 1800.
No 8	From Colonel Dallas to Venciata Rungam	11th Sept. 1803
No 9	From Colonel Close to Colonel Dallas	5th February 1800.
No 10	Copy certificate from Mr. Kenworthy Garrison Storekeeper of Venatarienga pillays Character	9th May 1805.
No 11	Testimony from Captain Randle &c.	5th January 1804
No 12	Ditto from Mr. Baber to Ditto	16th January 1804
No 13	Venatarienga pillay in Account Current with the Honorable Company	16th March 1804

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No.		Date of the Papers.
No 23	Copy of a Letter from Venkata-rungapillay to the Secretary to the Military Board	21. April 1807.
30	Affidavit of Venkatarungapillay taken before a Magistrate	23d. May 1806.

Military Board
Office Fort St. George
14th. May 1807.

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

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Letters from the Chief Secretary of Government of 6th. May enclosing various documents relative to the climate of Seringapatam. And from the Secretary in the Military Department dated 15th. May, and to report that

From the Military Board state that they have applied to the Commanding Officer in the Ceded Districts for information respecting the means of providing a Place of Worship at Bellari. Submit a further Report from the Committee of Surgeons at Seringapatam.

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that the necessary orders have been given

We have called on the Officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts to report his opinion regarding the practicability of procuring a building calculated to accommodate the Garrison at Divine Worship, and We shall have the honor to communicate his reply for the information of Government. —

3. His Excellency the Commander in Chief having laid before us a further Report from the Committee of Surgeons at Seringapatam, We have the honor to enclose Copy of that Document. —

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
18th May 1804

Yrs Yrs

I. F. Cradock
E. Trapaud
Robt. Bell
P. A. Agnew
Alexr. Orr
I. Munro.

[Signed]

To

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To Major General Macdowall

Commanding

Mysore

Sir,

In our former reports every improvement which appeared to us necessary for the prevention of disease at this Station was enumerated. We have therefore nothing further to say on that Subject but as a means of Cure, we strongly recommend that the Hospitals be furnished with glass windows the winds for a great part of the year are very strong and cold, and common Shutters do not sufficiently exclude them.

Since the 20th of April a considerable change for the Better has taken place in the nature of the fever amongst the Europeans. only two men have had the bad fever since then. the other cases admitted into Hospital in the Artillery Amounting to twelve are common Intermittents, and of these eight are

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are men who were ill in March—

During the last four months—
117 Cases of fever were admitted into the Artillery
Hospitals of these only 33 were men who had been
at Seringapatam last year. and not one casualty
occurred Amongst them, all the others were
Recruits who arrived here in November 1806. for
the first two months they were very healthy tho'
exposed to the cold damp air of the morning at
Drill. but when the weather became hot, a great
number of them were taken ill, on this account
we recommended all drilling to stop from
January till may. and every precaution to
be taken to keep the men as much in the
Barracks as possible—

Accompanying is a list of—
Casualties in the artillery for the month of
April, and up to this date in the Hospital at
present there are six bad cases—four of obstinate
long protracted fevers, an old venereal Case in
which almost every bone is diseased, and

one

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one of Dysentary—

It now only remains for us to recommend in the most earnest manner that the alterations and improvements mentioned in our former reports, be carried into execution as soon as possible—and that the precautions advised for preventing exposure to the alternations of heat and cold be carefully observed—If this is done we again declare it to be our firm opinion that Seringapatam will be as healthy as any station in the Country.

Signed/ John Inglis

Supy. Surgeon President

David Scot

Surgeon

A true Copy

Signed/ W. Macpherson

Aj. a. a. g. m.

List of Casualties in the 1st. Battalion Artillery from the 1st April to the 5th May 1807.

Geo. Murphy Recruit Aged 24 Sanguine Fever—

Admitted

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Admitted 20th February Died 1st April

This man was admitted on account of a common bilious attack — Whilst in Hospital he was taken with Intermittent fever which proved very obstinate, and repeatedly changed its form, at last it generated into a violent Remittent, in one of the Paroxysms of which he Died.—

Geo: Birch recruit Aged 25. Sanguine Fever.—

Admitted 27th March Died 1st April

When admitted he owned having been ill for several days, he was much reduced was very weak, and had all the symptoms of the bad fever, under which he rapidly sunk.—

Edward Skenett—Recruit—Aged 22.—

Sanguine Fever—

Admitted 1st March Died 24th April

He came into Hospital on account of Pains in his Limbs, on the 14th April he was taken

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taken with violent Remittent fever on the 16th. his eyes and Skin were yellow, and became more so daily till he was of a deep orange colour — his mouth was made very sore by mercury, but no Salivation could be induced — his Gums bled frequently, and he was delirious every Night — for Several days — before his Death he had no Regular paroxysms of Fever but his Skin was alway parched and his Pulse quick —

Burnaby Ferguson Recruit Aged — 23 Sanguine Fever —

Admitted 8th April Died 11th April

Almost violent case of fever, he became of a deep yellow Colour a few hours after being taken ill — he had no previous illness nor had he been drinking —

William Christopher Recruit Aged — 35 Phlegmatic Fever —

Admitted 11th April Died 28th April.

This was a case of Remittent Fever he had been complaining Several days before he —

came

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came into Hospital his mouth was made
very sore by mercury, but no Spitting could be
brought on for some days he appeared recovering,
but a relapse carried him off very quickly—

Mich.l Brady Recruit aged 20 Phlegma-
tic Fever.—

Admitted 14th April Died 24th April

This case was attended with
the usual Symptoms of the bad fever. Mercury
was given in large quantities, but no Salivation
could be induced.—

Chas. Lewis recruit aged 18. Sanguine Dysentary—

Admitted 29th April Died 5th May—

This was a case of Dysentary—
the Symptoms extremely violent, Inflammation
of the Bowels followed by mortification took place—
on dissection the whole of the Intestines were
found inflamed, and in many parts mortified—
The Bladder was much contracted, that it could
hardly be cut—

/Signd/ David Scott Surg.n 1.B.n ast.

Seringapatam
3.d May 1807—

A true Copy
/Signd/ W. Macpherson
ag. a. a. G. M.

A true Copies
/Signd/ W. Morison
D.y S. M. B.

Ordered

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

To the President and Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board's approves the Corrected account which they have submitted between the Honorable Company and Vencatarangam Allaps desires them to State a decided opinion regarding the further claims and request of that person as represented in their Letter—

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 14th and 18th Ultimo—

2. His Lordship in Council has resolved under the explanations which you have stated that the additional Sums for which the Head Manager of Public Cattle during the last War with Tippoo Sultaun has taken credit in his Account with the Honorable Company shall be on his favor to the Amount of Pagodas 4347. 15. 65½ and that on the other hand the additional Sum of Pagodas 3265. 21. 24 shall be credited to the Account of the Honorable Company Agreeably to his Statement—Measures will be taken for recovering from the subordinate Agents in the Grain Provision and Medical Departments the moiety

of

of Custom due by them respectively to the Head
manager under the terms of the advertisement
published at Fort Saint George in the month of
march 1800—

3 With respect to the Sum of Pagodas
14,494.—35.—30 claimed in full by the Head
manager on Account of the Hire of Servants, &c.
His Lordship in Council desires that you will
Submit a decided opinion on that point with re-
ference to the affidavit made by Venatarunga
Pillay and to the Vouchers which he states he is
ready to produce in Support of the charge in
question.—

4 His Lordship in Council also
desires that you will Submit your opinion re-
garding the claim to Interest preferred by
Venkata Rungam Pillay, and with respect to
the propriety of granting the Shotrums, which
he has requested as a Remuneration for his
Services.—

5 Adverting to the orders already
issued

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issued for the purpose of ensuring the future salubrity of Seringapatam His Lordship in Council is not aware that any instructions will be requisite in consequence of the further report which you have submitted from the Committee of Surgeons on that subject.

Fort St. George
4th June 1807.

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

Read the following Letters.

From the Town Major
To the Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Town Major states that the Description Roll of Shaik Ismail transmitted by the Commanding Officer of the Southern Division does not correspond with the person of that name, but is a prisoner from Trichinopoly.

In Answer to the 3d. Paragraph of your Letter of the 14th Instant, I have the honor to report to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the man named Shaik Ismail stated in Colonel Campbells Letter of the 29th April last to have been sent

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Sent to this office was received here and confined among the Vellore mutineers on the 25th. of that month.—

On Comparing him with the description Roll annexed to Colonel Campbell's Letter he appears to be of the age and Colour — but described, but instead of 5-3½ in height he is 5-4½ by the Statement in this office - and instead of — being of Trichinopoly — all the people who know him in the Lunettes call him Paulghaut Shaik Ismal and say that he was enlisted by — Lieutenant Hodgson at Error when the Battalion was at Seringapatam.—

In Colonel Campbells Roll his time of Service is stated to be 8 years, which — would perhaps apply better to another Shaik Ismall, who was in the same Company with this man / the 5th /

That man is not in Confinement here,—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Town Majors office
Fort St. George
26th. May 1807—

/ Signed / R. Barclay
Town Major

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing
Letter be furnished for the information of the Officer
Commanding the Southern Division of the Army—

To the Chief Secretary
to Government—

Sir.

From Lieutenant Colonel Forbes and Lieutenant Cumbie State that the Commission at Vellore have no further occasion for their presence and request leave to join their Regiments—

We have the honor to report to you for
the information of the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council, our having executed the orders of
Government, transmitted to us in your letter of
the 25th Ultimo, by having made to the Commission
setting at Vellore the fullest Communications on every
subject relative to the mutiny of the Troops at this
Garrison on the 10th July 1806, and by having furnished
all the information we possess connected with the
object of their enquiry, and which we consider
calculated to facilitate the attainment of the ends of
justice—

That the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council may judge of our endeavours to obey his
instructions to their fullest extent, and to promote the

success

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success of the enquiry for which the Commission has been Constituted. We transmit to you, copies of the correspondence which has passed between the Commission and us on the subject, and of which We request you will submit to His Lordship in Council.—

As the Commission has declared in their Letter to us of the 23d. Instant (in reply to our Communications of the preceding date) that "the "Communication We have made, will greatly "facilitate the progress of their Commission, that it "conveys information on the most material points "connected with their enquiry and that they are "therefore of opinion that our continuance at Vellore "is no longer necessary" we hope We shall be considered as having performed the duty required from us; and request permission to return to our duty with our Regiments.

The Commission at Madras has made a reference to us to which we have replied, and have afforded them all the information we were able, the more circumscribed than

extent

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What we have furnished to the Commission at Vellore.

Vellore
May 25th 1807.

We are &c. &c.
/Signed/ Nat Forbes
Lieutenant Colonel
J. M. Coombs
Lieutenant

/Copy/

To Lieutant. Colonel Lang
George Read
William Wright } Esquires

Gentlemen,

We had the honor to receive your letter of the 19th instant /in reply to ours of the preceding date/ in which you express your wish to receive in writing such information as we deem necessary to furnish you with, and which we think will promote the object of your Commission.

We hasten to Comply with your request and herewith transmit to you the information which the documents in our profession afford us, and acquired in the course of the investigation

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investigation formerly conducted by us—

The accompanying papers are—A—

Roll of the Prisoners now in confinement—"

belonging to the late 1st. Battalion 1st. Regiment

and 2nd. Battalion 23rd. Regiment Arranged under

the three Separate heads of

" On duty within the fort and Out Guards"

" Off duty within the fort"

" Off duty outside the fort"

The particular Guard on duty on—

which each individual was employed on the—

night of the 9th. July, we have stated opposite to

his name, and such information as has heretofore

been given or came to our Knowledge relative

to the conduct of any man during the insurrection,

we have fully detailed under the head of Remarks

and added the Names of the Witnesses in—

support of the same if they are forthcoming—

In several cases the accusations brought

against individuals cannot now be proved from

the witnesses having been discharged—

Informing

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Informing the Rolls of the men off duty within the fort and off duty outside the fort which from necessity been compelled to adhere to the individuals own Statement as we had no other means of information. There may exist a few errors on these rolls from false Statement but we believe them to be generally correct. And the men when examined before the commission will we make no doubt readily Acknowledge the fact of their having been either inside or outside the fort—

We have drawn up a Summary of the principal occurrences and leading facts connected with the insurrection as established by the result of our long enquiries; and we forward it, in hopes that it will prove of Assistance to you, and facilitate the progress of your Commission. All the information in possession, in any way connected with the object of your enquiry we have now the honor to communicate to you; and if you are of opinion that we have it in our power to render you any further Assistance we shall

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We shall be most happy to attend to your Suggestions and Wishes on the Subject: but Should you Agree with us in opinion: that we have made all the communications necessary to the attainment of the object proposed by Government, and performed What is required from us: we shall feel obliged by your stating it to us, that if our continuance at Vellore is unnecessary we may obtain permission to quit it.

We Are

Gentlemen,

Yrs. &c.

/Signd/ Nat Forbes

Lieutenant Colonel

Vellore

22d. May 1807

I. M Coombs.

Lieutenant

Vellore 25th. May True Copy

/Signd/ I. M. Coombs Lieutenant

Copy

To

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To Lieutenant Forbes
Lieutenant Coombs
Gentlemen,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 22d. instant with its enclosures — The communication with which you have favored us, will greatly facilitate the progress of our Commission — It appears to convey information upon the most material points connected with our enquiry, and we are therefore of opinion that your continuance at Vellore is no longer Necessary —

We are
Gentlemen
Your Obt. Servts.
Signed { Ross Lang Lieut. Colonel
George Read
H. Wright. Third Judge

Vellore
23d. May 1807 —

True Copy
Signed J. M. Coombs
Lieutenant

Vellore 25th. May —

Resolved

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Resolved that Lieutenant Colo. Forbes and Lieutenant Coombs be permitted to return to their respective Stations.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the offic commanding the Cadet Company. Reports various Robberies to a considerable amount.

I am under the necessity of stating for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that nightly depredations have for some months past been very frequent in the Cadet Cantonment. Within these last two months upwards of twenty writing desks, many of them containing watches and other articles of considerable value, have been stolen from the Gentlemen Cadets and independant of other losses at a moderate calculation certainly one thousand Pagodas in small sums at different times have been stolen within the Cantonment from different Gentlemen, frequent Application has been made to the civil authorities but the Police establishment of your Town is too inconsiderable to afford a chance

of

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of detection, a Gentleman just promoted and proceeding to join his corps was last Night robbed of his Pay and Advance, together with his Watch Seals and Keys. Instances of this nature have so frequently occurred that I deem it necessary to state the circumstance for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, from a persuasion that this Lordship will Authorise the adoption of measures to prevent the continuance of an evil, which Appears from Want of detection and punishment to have encreased to a Very alarming extent.

New Town
27th May 1807.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signd) J. Pollock
Capt. Comg

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be furnished to the Acting Magistrate of the Zillah of Verdachellum from the Judicial Department; and that he be desired to use a Great degree of Vigilance in checking the depredations which prevail at the New Tower

order thereon - The magistrate of Verdachellum to be instructed to take measures in communication with the Commanding Officer of the New Tower of Cuddalore for checking the depredations in that Garrison -

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of Cuddalore, endeavouring in communication with the Commanding Offeur to concert such arrangements as may be most effectual for that purpose

The Board conclude that the depredations in question may be ascribed in a considerable degree to the Numerous Servants And Attendants Necessarily attached to the Cadet Company. But that it is practicable to impose checks in the conduct of persons of that description, and that the detection and punishment of some of the Offenders could not fail to have the most Salutary effect

Ordered that the opinion of the Board be fully stated for the information and Guidance of the Magistrates of Wordachellum, and of the Offeur Commanding the Cadet Company—

From the Secretary at Bombay

To George Buchan Esq.

Chief Secretary to the Government at Fort St. George

From the Secretary at Bombay Requests that M. Selkand may not be sent to that Presidency—

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in

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in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of yours Letter of the 29th. Ultimo; and to notice .....
to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that to send Mr. Adhand to this Presidency, will only be incurring an expence, in the first instance, by his removal, and future inconvenience, at least, if not a permanent charge to the Company at this place, for his support; on whence the Governor in Council hopes that he may not be sent to this Presidency. —

Bombay Castle,
16th. May 1807. —

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

Order thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Commanding Officer in Malabar and Canara; and that he be desired to state the means which Mr. Adhand may possess of supporting himself in Malabar, in order that the Board may finally determine respecting the expediency of sending him to Bombay to be maintained at the expence of that Government.

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Government—

The following Letter from the Officer Commanding the Forces in Mysore having returned from Circulation is ordered to be Recorded.

George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government &c.

&c. &c.

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding the forces in Mysore. Submits revised Proceedings on the Trial of seven Native Officers by their former Judgement and explains the Grounds of it—

In obedience to the Commands of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council I have the honor to report that the Proceedings on the Trial of the Rebel Palora Jemeer have been revised, I request you will be pleased to lay them before the Government—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Seringapatam

22d. May 1807—

(Signed) Hay Macdowall

Monday the 20th of April 1807—

At a Court martial held at the Main Guard, at Seringapatam, agreable to Division orders by Major General

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General Hay Macdowall Commanding the Forces in Mysore —

Present

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Hayes President

Members

Major D. M.c Donnell
2d Batt.n 16th Regim.t

Capt.n C. P. Clarke
2d Batt.n 16th Regim.t

P. N. Cuffley
2d Batt.n 16th Regim.t

Lieut.t I. D. Saunders
2d Batt.n 16th Regim.t

Capt.n H. Cranstoun
1st Batt.n 2d Regim.t

J. J. Poppers
1st Batt.n 2d Regim.t

Lieut.t T. P. Knott
1st Batt.n 2d Regim.t

J. Watsons
2d Batt.n 16th Regim.t

Lieutenant Henry McKeay H. M. 12th Regiment officiating as Acting Deputy Judge Advocate

The Warrant of the President and Judge Advocate are read.

Palora Yemen, Naik, a Prisoner, is brought into Court and the following charge is explained to him, thro" the medium of an Interpreter.

Palora Yemen is charged With having been actively and principally engaged in the late Rebellion Against the Honorable Company's Government in the Provinces of Malabar, and

Wynaad

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Wynaud, in compliance with instructions to-
that effect, from the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council

By order of Major General Maddowall

Head Quarters Camp (Signed) William Macpherson
10th April 1807. Acting. a. a. g. M.

The Prisoner pleads Not guilty to the above
Charge —

The Prisoner is asked if he has any objection
to be tried by any of the Members composing the Court —
and says he has none.

The President, Members and Judge Advocate
are Sworn, according to the Articles of War for the —
Honorable Company's Forces.

Carranakara Menavar, Vakeel, is called on —
the part of the Prosecution And Sworn — —
Agreable to the Tenets of his Religion

The Interpreter is Sworn According
to the customs of his cast —

Question by the Judge Advocate - Do you Know
the Prisoner?

Answer

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Answer. yes

Question. Was the Prisoner ever in the Service of the Honorable Company?

Answer. yes

Question. How long is it since the Prisoner received Pay from Government?

Answer. He served the Honorable Company four years, he has since been in the Service of the Pyche Rajah

Question. In What situation was he employed by our Government and What sum did he receive each Month?

Answer. He was a Tasseldar in the Wynaud District And received About two hundred Rupees Monthly.

Question. Do you Know that the Prisoner was at any time in arms against the Honorable Company's Forces?

Answer. The Prisoner commanded the Rajah's Forces Who fought against the Detachments under Colonel Montrisor, Major Hovenden and

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and several Officers of the Bombay ~~~
Establishment—

Question How do you know the Prisoner commanded the Rajah's Forces

Answer I know it from having heard it from ~~
People, whom I shall call to prove it —

The Court adjourns till ten O'Clock ~~
tomorrow forenoon —

Tuesday 21st April 1807.

The Court met pursuant to Adjournment Members present as yesterday — The ~~
Proceedings of yesterday are read over —
Coonala Kurrappa is called into Court and Sworn agreable to the tenets of his religion

Question From the Prosecutor — Whilst the Prisoner received Pay from Government, was he not in correspondence with the Rajah and in habits of sending him informations

Answer The Prisoner received letters from the ~~
Rajah and returned him Answers ~~

the

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the Rajah sent for me and asked why I (who was one of his own Villagers did not bring him intelligence, when the Prisoner who received two hundred Rupees each month from Government, always sent him the News—

Question. Have you Peon, whom you sent to collect money, was Killed and you complained to the Prisoner who was then Tafseldar, or what Answer did the Prisoner make you—

Answer. He told me, not to report it to Captain Dickinson who then commanded and said it was better to kill the Collector, when he should arrive—

Question. Did you not tell the Prisoner that he had so not reported the Murder of your Peon and so say. by and by these people may come And so Kill us, you will not even report that?—

Answer. I recollect the conversation alluded to. I told the Prisoner I wanted to send Peons out to collect money, but could not procure them, as they were all afraid since the former Peons had been murdered. The Prisoner made Answer, "

you

you had better go and attend the Rajah.

Question. When the Company's Troops were in pursuit of the Rajah, did the Prisoner (who was then in the Service of the Honorable Company) write to you desiring you to give some Paddy to Periah Canaan who was a friend of the Rajah's?

Answer. The Prisoner came to me and desired me to give Periah Canaan fifty Gunney bags of Paddy, I told him, I had only ten, he then replied give those ten to Periah Canaan, which I did; The Rajah told me the Prisoner, who received the Company's pay, assisted him with ten bags of Paddy and added "You belong "to my Country and will not give me "any assistance—

Question by the Court. At the time Periah Canaan was proscribed did the Prisoner ever meet him, or had he it ever in his power to apprehend him?

Answer. The Prisoner wrote Periah Canaan a letter,

in

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in consequence of which he Poriah — Canadan came to the Evidence's house, who accompanied him to the Prisoner's house, where he remained till night —

Coonden Nambur, is called on the part of the Prosecution and Sworn Agreable to the — custom of his cast —

Question by the Prosecutor Do you know any thing of a Peon belonging to Coonata Kurruppa — having been Murdered? —

Answer I was present when Coonata Kurruppa told the Prisoner of his Peon having been murderd, when the Prisoner answered let the Gentlemen come and I will report it Capt. Dickinson Commanded him, but the Prisoner did not report it to him —

Question Did the Prisoner ever tell you it was better to serve the Rajah and not shew the — Company's troops the proper road, as the — Government would take every thing from — you?

Answer

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Answer. I remember this conversation having passed, when I was Conciopoly to the Prisoner—

Question by the Court. Do you know if the Prisoner ever gave any assistance to the Rajah, while you were in his service?

Answer. It never came to my knowledge that he did. the Evidence says, that one day previous to Captain Dickenson's Post being surprized, the Prisoner told the Evidence, something bad would happen on the next day— The Evidence further says that at this time the Prisoner was at his House, about thirty miles from Pannorata cutcherry, the Evidence went immediately to Rangiar, the New Tasildar, to give him information—

The Court adjourns till Nine O'Clock tomorrow forenoon—

Wednesday 22nd. April.

The Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Members

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Members present as yesterday - The Proceedings of Yesterday are read over

In consequence of the indisposition of the Malabar Interpreter, the Court adjourns till ten O'Clock tomorrow morning -

Thursday 23. April

The Court met pursuant to adjournment -

Members present as yesterday -

Ragoviah Brahmin sworn in, as Interpreter Coondoo Nambier is examined on his former oath -

Question Was this Prisoner Tasildar at the time he advised you to serve the Rajah, who, he said, would take care of you? -

Answer He was Tasildar at that time -

Chidara Potrowal examined, on the part of the Prosecution, and sworn agreeable to the tenets of his Religion -

Question Was the Prisoner ever in Arms for the purpose of molesting the Honorable Company's Forces, in the Provinces of Wynaad and Malabar? -

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Malabar ?

Answer. The Prisoner was in Arms for that purpose in the Wynaad Distruct —

Question What situation did the Prisoner hold, and was it under the Pyche Rajah ?

Answer He was Principal Chief under the Rajah

Question How long have you known the Prisoner to have been in the late Rajahs Service ?

Answer I did was in the late Rajah's Service about a year

Question Did the Prisoner ever attack the Honorable Company's Troops to your Knowledge ?

Answer Yes. The Prisoner attacked the Honorable Company's Troops at Carrin Gate —

Question When the Honorable Companys Troops were marching from Pooringal to Carrin Gate, did not the Prisoner attack a Detachment, two Europeans of which were Killed and four Wounded ?

Answer Yes, he did, the Evidence saw them himself Hengary Canarran called on the part of the Prosecution,

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Prosecution, and sworn agreeable to the custom of his cast—

Question Was the Prisoner ever employed by the late Rajah to resist the Honorable Company's Troops on their march through the Provinces of Wynaad and Malabar?

Answer The Prisoner commanded a party, by order of the late Rajah, who resisted the Honorable Company's Troops near Carrin Gall—

Question What situation did the Prisoner hold under the late Rajah?

Answer He was his principal Minister

Question When the Honorable Company's Troops were marching from Polingale to Carrin Gale, did not the Prisoner attack a Detachment, two Europeans of which were Killed and four Wounded

Answer Yes

Question How do you know that the Prisoner commanded that party at Carrin Gale when the two Europeans were killed and four wounded

wounded?

Answer The Prisoner issued a Proclamation — summoning all the Inhabitants to attend him, I joined him and was present at the attack —

Coman, Nair, called on the part of the Prosecution, and Sworn Agreeable to the rites of his Religion —

Question Was the Prisoner in Arms against the Honorable Company's Troops in the Provinces of Wynaad And Malabar?

Answer Yes

Question Was the Prisoner concerned in the Murder of Ranguingar, a Jafsildar in the Honorable Company's Service?

Answer The Prisoner went with a body of the late Rajah's Troops to Attack the Honorable Company's Troops at Valachirrycottah, on his return, he detached ten people to Seize or Murder Ranguingar, the Honorable Company's Jafsildar, the Evidence was one

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one of the party and they murdered the Capitan
The Prosecution here closed and the Court, in c
compliance with the Prisoners request, grant him
two days to prepare his defence — The Court is
Adjourned till ten O'Clock on Saturday morning

Saturday 25th April

The Court met pursuant to Adjournment
Members Present as on Thursday
The Proceedings of Thursday, the last day of
sitting are read over
The Prisoner, with the permission of the Court,
delivers in the following address —

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It never was my intention, to
oppose the British Government, when the
British Troops were marching up to Seringa-
patam, the Rajah was solicited by Tippoo
Sultaun to afford his assistance, in what he
termed, the General cause; The Rajah was
inclined to assist him and ordered me to

proceed

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proceed to Seringapatam to settle the preliminaries, but in consequence of my urging the impolicy of the Measure, he was induced at my earnest request to remain quiet.

During the time the Detachments under Colonel Stephenson was employed on the Wynaad District, I accompanied him and gave every assistance in my power, not only in giving information, but by endeavouring by my influence, to induce the Inhabitants to throw themselves on the Protection of the Honorable Company; and I was so fortunate as to succeed with all the principal People, except [illegible] of Periah Canaun, whose great attachment induced him to follow the Rajah's fortunes. Almost the whole of the Company's Troops were afterwards withdrawn, the Rajah returned, the People threw off their allegiance to the Company and I was under the necessity of either joining the Rajah, or abandoning every tye that was dear to me; the idea

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idea of leaving my family behind me, at the Rajah's mercy, at once determined me, and I agreed to follow his fortunes—

I have since been prevented from endeavoring to throw myself on the protection of Government, by having heard of the fate of the different People who had been taken, but I have ever since remained as an obscure Individual— I have nothing further to add; I have the sincerest contrition for my offences, tho' I assure you, they were on my part, involuntary ones; and I intreat the Court to intercede with his Excellency the Governor in Council in my behalf, and should his Excellency be graciously pleased to pardon me, my future life shall be an atonement for my former offences—

The Court adjourns till 9 o'clock on Monday Morning—

Monday 27th. April

The Court met pursuant to adjournment—

Members

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Members present as on Saturday — The Proceedings are read over by the Judge Advocate —

The Court having maturely and deliberately weighed the evidence against the Prisonier Palora Yemen, as well as what he has urged in his defence, are of opinion that he Palora Yemen is guilty of the charge exhibited against him, viz "having been actively and principally engaged "in the late rebellion against the Honorable "Company's Government in the Provinces of Malabar and Wynaad. They do therefore adjudge and Sentence the said Prisonier Palora yemen to be transported for life, to such place as his Excellency the Governor in Council may deem proper —

Signed / Thomas Hayes
Lt. Colonel and President

Signed / H.T. M.Kirby
Adt. D.T.J.A

Seringapatam

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Seringapatam, 22d. May, 1807.

The Court Meets Agreeably to Division orders, and Captain Macpherson having been directed to officiate as Deputy Judge Advocate in consequence of the indisposition of Lieutenant McKeddy he is duly Sworn, and his Warrant as deputy Judge Advocate is read to the Court.—

The President lays the following Letters before the Court—

To Lieutenant Colonel Hayes.

President of a Court Martial.

Sir,

I have the Honor to inclose to you, by Major General Macdowall's desire, the Copy of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government addressed to the Major General, together with the Original proceedings on the trial of Palora Yemen Nair.—

I have farther the Major Generals orders to request, that the Sentence already passed may be revised agreeably to the instructions contained in

the

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The Chief Secretary's Letter

Seringapatam, 17th. May 1807 } Signed W.m Macpherson

Acg. A. A. G. Mysore

To Major General Macdowall

Commanding the Forces in Mysore

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo, enclosing the proceedings which took place on the trial of Yemen Nair.

2d. The Court which was appointed for the trial of that Rebel having pronounced a distinct Judjiment regarding the guilt of the Prisoner, it is the Wish of his Lordship in Council to be informed of the Grounds, on which they have limited their Sentence to transportation as no explanation of this Nature has been stated, his Lordship considers it proper, that the Sentence should be referred for the revision of that Court, and I have accordingly the Honour to Enclose the

proceedings

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proceedings for that purpose—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
9th May 1807—

(Signed) G. Buchan

Chief Sect. to Government

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm. Macpherson

Sect. A. A. G. M.

In Conformity with the foregoing order the Court Proceeds, to revise its Sentence upon the Prisoner Palora Yemen Nair, and the Whole of the Proceedings are Now read over.

The Court having Maturely reconsidered the Sentence it has already passed, Considers the punishment annexed to the Crime of which it has found Palora Yemen guilty is perfectly adequate to the offence and the Court therefore adheres to and repeats the Sentence already entered on its proceedings—

(Signed) Thomas Hayes

(Signed) Wm. Macpherson Lt. Col. & President

Ag. A. A. G. M.

Ordered

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Ordered that the following Reply
be dispatched.

To Major General Macdowall
Commanding in Mysore

Sir,

To the offic. Commanding the forces in Mysore desiring that your own prayer may be sent to Chinglepat for the purpose of being transported to Prince of Wales's Island; & and comments on the inadequacy of that Sentence.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d. Ultimo, and to desire that the Prisoner Palora Yemen Nair may be sent to Chinglepat, in order that the sentence of transportation pronounced on the Prisoner may be carried into effect.

His Lordship in Council deems it at the same time proper to record his opinion that the Court before Whom Palora Yemen was tried, were not justified in the Sentence which has been passed. The Prisoner having been found guilty of the most Flagrant violation that can be committed of the Laws of Civil Society, it was the unquestionable duty of the Court to have pronounced a Sentence adequate to the offence; and to have left the extension of mercy, or otherwise, to the Prisoner to the judgement of His Lordship in Council.

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It is the desire of the Governor in Council that these Sentiments may be conveyed to the Court assembled for the trial of Palora Yemen—

I have the honor to be

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4th June 1807.

Yr &c Yr &c.
(Signed) G. Buchan
Chief Sec. to Govt.

E. Stevenson

" Kendall
" Petrie
" Oakes

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Diary

Sent the following Letter.

To the Officer Commanding
in Malabar and Canara.

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara Desiring he will state the means for subsistence possessed by Mr. Silkhaud previous to final determination for sending him to Bombay

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Secretary at Bombay regarding the Foreigner mentioned in your Letter of the 6th February last.

2 His Lordship in Council desires that you will distinctly state the means which Mr. Silkhaud may possess of subsisting himself in Malabar, in order that His Lordship in Council may finally determine respecting the expediency of sending him to Bombay to be maintained at the expense of that Government.

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

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4th June 1807.

(Signed) G. Strachey
Secy to Govt.

Sent

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" " Sent the following Letters —
entered in M. B. Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7 —

To the Chief Secretary at Fort William — To Mr. Brown — with Packet to the Honorable Court of Directors to go to England by the Ship Indus —

To Ditto Ditto To Ditto Ditto — With — Duplicate Packet to the Honorable Court of Directors to go by the Ship Indus to England; also with Duplicate of letter which has been sent by Ship Daniel for England —

To the Secretary to the Government at Bengal To Mr. Parry — requesting authority for payment of the usual advance of passage Money to Ensign Williams proceeding to Europe on Sick Certificate —

To the Military Auditor General To the Military Auditor General — With Copy of a letter from the Public Department to the Senior Chaplain of Fort Saint George —

To the Officer Comg the Southern Division of the Army — To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army — Desiring he will take measures for explaining the doubt respecting the Identity

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Identity of the Native Prisoner mentioned in his letter.

To Lieutenant Colonel Forbes and Lieutenant Combs at Vellore — Permitting them to return to their respective Stations.

To Lieutenant Colo. Forbes & Lieutenant Combs

To the Officer Comg the Cadet Company at Cuddalore

To the Officer Commanding the Cadet Company at Cuddalore — With Copy of Letter sent in consequence of his letter to the Acting Magistrate of the Zillah of Verdachellum.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Parry — With Extract from proceedings in this Department.

5th

Sent the following Letters entered in M. B. No. 10.

To the Military Board —

To the Military Board — With Extract of Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors and Copy of remarks by the Company's Inspector of Military Stores on the Store 1805/6 — also an account of Military Stores for the Presidencies in India in Season 1805.

To the Military Auditor General —

To the Military Auditor General — With Extract from Proceedings in this Department.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William C. Bentinck

Governor and President

Saturday the 6th June 1807 Lieutenant General Sir J. F. Craddock K.B

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

Thomas Oakes

Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved.

Lieutenant Colonel O'Reilly recommended and appointed to command the Garrison of Sankeydroog

The President recommends that Lieutenant Colonel O'Reilly of the 12th Regiment of Native Infantry be appointed to Command the Garrison of Sankeydroog

Approved and ordered Accordingly.—

The Commander in Chief

records the following Minute.

Minute

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Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief submits applications for leave to resign the service on the part of Lieutenant Pagan of the 9th Regiment, Ensign Taylor of the 25th Regiment, and Messrs. Wm. Read and Plunkett Cadets. Reports the intended return of Lieutenant Heming from the Cape of Good Hope to England

Lieutenant William Pagan of the 9th Regiment of Native Infantry, Ensign I. K. Taylor of the 25th Regiment of Native Infantry, and Mr. William Read Cadet of Infantry, have sollicited permission to resign the Commissions and appointment they respectively hold in the Honorable Company's Service, to enable them to accept Commissions in His Majesty's Service.— I submit their applications to the Board.—

I also submit a similar application from Mr. Plunkett Cadet of Infantry, who states his health to be unequal to the duties of the Military Profession as the cause of his desire to resign his appointment.—

I lay before the Board a Certificate (on Oath) of the Surgeon of the Honorable Company's Ship Earl Spencer together with a joint Certificate from him and other Medical Officers at the Cape of Good Hope, stating the severe illness which compelled Lieutenant Robert Heming of the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry (who had embarked

on

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on that Ship on his return to his duty / to revisit
England. — This Certificate has been forwarded that
his non-arrival may be accounted for, and reported to the
Honorable the Court of Directors. —

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/Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

To the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
My Lord,

I have to solicit your Lord-
-ships permission to resign the service of the Honorable
East India Company. —

May 31st 1807

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ J. K. Taylor
Cadet of Infantry

To the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
My Lord,

I have to solicit your Lord-
-ships permission to resign the service of the Honorable
East

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East India Company.—

I have the honor to be

Yrs. &c.

New Town

May 31st 1807

(Signed) William Read

Cadet of Infantry

To the Right Honorable

Lord William C. Bentinck

Governor &c. in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Finding that my Health does not allow me to perform the several duties of a Military Situation, and that if ever called into the Field I must be deprived of health altogether. I request your Lordship in Council's permission to resign my appointment of Cadet on this Establishment.—

I have the honor to be

Yrs. &c.

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30th May 1807

(Signed) James Plunkett

Cadet

Bombay

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Bombay 22nd. May 1807

I do hereby attest and Certify that since our departure from England till arriving at the Cape of Good Hope a period of Six Months during which time I had every opportunity of watching the state of Lieutenant Heming's health, and the progress of the indisposition he labours under its Symptoms and Severity — In our approach to the warmer Latitudes, his indisposition became more lasting, and the Symptoms — duration, and Continuance of the fit — more permanent and severe — a languor and severe head-ach announcing the approach of severe Epilepsia Cerebralis, with its concomitants in Consequence of these and much impaired health — I judge it absolutely necessary for him, to return to England first opportunity as his proceeding to India would infallibly be attended with the worst of Consequences at least the loss of memory and understanding —

Given under my hand this twenty

second

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second day of May One thousand eight hundred and seven Years.—

Bombay 22d. May 1807 (Signed) Da: Aitken
Surgeon Honble Compys Ship
Earl Spencer

Sworn to before me

(Signed) Rob: Kitson
Justice of Peace

We the undermentioned, do hereby attest and, and Certify, that since our departure from England, till our arrival at the Cape of Good Hope; a period of Six Months, during which time we have had every opportunity of watching the state of Lieutenant Hi-mings health, and the progress of the indisposition he labours under - its symptoms and severity — In our approach to the warmer Latitudes his indisposition become more lasting, and the Symptoms, duration and continuance of the fit, more permanent and severe, a languor and severe head - ach, announcing the approach of severe Epilepsia Cerebralis, with its concomitants in consequence of these and much impaired health; we judge it absolutely necessary for

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for him, to return to England first opportunity as his proceeding to India, would be attended with the worst of consequences, at least the loss of memory and understanding. —

Given under our hands at the Cape of Good Hope this twenty second day of January, one thousand eight hundred, and seven —

(Signed) David Aitken
Surgeon
Honorable Company's Ship
Earl Spencer

(Signed) G. Gordon Assistant
Surgeon Bengal Establishment

(Signed) D. Baillie Garrison
Surgeon Cape of Good Hope

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that the Officers and Cadets mentioned in the foregoing Minute be permitted to resign the Service of the Honorable Company. —

Resolved that the reason for the return of Lieutenant Heming of the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry to Europe be stated to the

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the Honorable Court of Directors by the next Dispatch.—

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

Resolutions of the Governor in Council 6th June 1807.

Medical Board 25th May 1807

Proceedings of the Medical Board. Recommend that Mr. Troller may be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon vice Thompson deceased; and that Mr. Assistant Surgeon Sugiant be stationed at Pondicherry. Submit a Minute of the 3d Member recommending a change in the form of Medical journals &c. and requesting that Practitioners may be enjoined to attend to such instructions as they may receive from him through the Medical Register. Requesting also to be allowed to indent for Stationary and an

1 The Medical Board are concerned, at having had occasion to report the death, of Mr. Surgeon Maxwell Thomson, of this Establishment; which happened on the night of the 22d Instant.—

Resolved that Mr. Thomas Mr. Troller be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon vice Thompson deceased from the 23d Ultimo.—

Troller, being the Senior Assistant Surgeon, the Medical Board would recommend, that he be promoted to the rank of full Surgeon

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an Office Establishment ordered thereon.

Surgeon, vice Thomson deceased and appointed to one of the vacant native Regiments.—

3 The Medical Board have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Resolutions of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, dated the 1st instant on their Proceedings, bearing date the 20th ultimo — relative to the publication of Medical Reports, and they have accordingly directed the necessary Extracts from them, to be furnished to their third Member, and to Mr Assistant Surgeon Balmain.—

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Resolved that Mr. Assistant Surgeon Sergeant be appointed to afford Medical aid at Pondicherry.

4 The Medical Board have at the same time, the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter, from the Secretary to Government, in the Military Department, dated the 10th Instant, enclosing an Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, dated the 8th Instant, relative to stationing an able Medical Officer at Pondicherry.

5 Fully concurring in the reasons stated, by his Excellency the Commander in Chief, the Medical Board would recommend Mr. Assistant Surgeon Sergeant, to be appointed to the

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the Medical duties of that
place —

6 Mr. Sergeant —
having been five years in
practice in London, on
his own account, being well
informed, and in every way
qualified, the Medical
Board have been induced
to recommend him to his
Excellency the Commander
in Chief, and Government,
for this new Situation, al-
though he is low on the list
of Assistant Surgeon —

7 The 3d Member
of the Medical Board,
requests to be inserted on
the Proceedings, the under-
mentioned Minute, which
he considers necessary to
enable

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enable him to accomplish the useful purposes he intends to attempt regarding the Medical Journals.—

(Signd) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" Terence Gahagan
M. D. & 2d Member
Medical Board.
" And.w Berry
3rd Member Med.l Board

Minute of the 3rd Member of the Medical Board dated 25th May 1807.—

Dr. Berry is highly honored, by the very favorable notice, that, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, has been

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been pleased to take
of his plan, for publish-
-ing quarterly Medical
Reports.—

To enable his
making them as useful
as he expects, he has to
request, an abrogation
from the 1st of July next,
of Paragraph 40th of Sec-
-tion 15 Medical
Department, in the
new code of Regulations,
of Returns of Diseas-
-ses; when other Forms
will be substituted, for
unless much of the
Minute, that are at
present required in
Journals, are done away,

The Governor in Council approves the princi-
-ple on which the 3d Member of the Medical Board has
proposed to modify the ex-
-isting Regulations respecting the Forms of Journals and
other official papers required from Medical Practitioners
but His Lordship in Council is of opinion that every im-
-provement which he may be desirous of establishing
in that respect should in the first

and

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first instance be submitted and on cases often of but
by him to the Medical Board little moment, he cannot
who will lay it before the hope to receive that detail
Governor in Council in the of severe, and uncommon
usual form, accompanied by diseases, which will be
such observations as they necessary for an adequate
may consider to be proper knowledge of them, and of

The Governor in their treatment.

Council deems it to be essen- The 3rd Member
tially necessary that the may see by to direct what
third Member of the Medical should be particularly
Board should be at liberty detailed in the Journals,
to establish an official Com and in the Forms of Returns,
respondence with all more elucidatory of Sick-
Practitioners for the purpose nefs, and probable causes,
of obtaining useful informa- than at present; — and
tion for the Medical on Governments approval,
Register which he has been he will transmit to the
inspected to prepare; but Surgeons, the Forms of
His Lordship in Council Returns, and directions
desires it to be understood for Journals, to be adopted

that from

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that established Regu-
-lations are not in any
case to be superceded by
the authority of the Third
Member of the Medical
Board, and that such
orders as he may deem pro-
per to be dispatched to the
Subordinate Officers in the
Medical Department
are to receive the sanction
of the Medical Board, and
to be conveyed to those Offices
though the usual channels

from 1st of July, that
he considers best suited
to the objects in
view.

It would be
unnecessary to trouble
Government, with the
particular of what is
now, and may occasion-
-ally be required, to
appear in Journals; he
trusts therefore, Govern-
-ment will approve
of his soliciting orders
for all Medical Prac-
-titioners, to attend to
such Instructions, as
may be communicated
to them, through the
Medical Report Regis-
-ter, regarding Journals
and

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and Returns of Sick;
Copies of which, will be
transmitted to the
Medical Board, and
Superintending Surgeons
of Divisions — and if
Government will be further
pleased to direct, that
such instructions be print-
-ed, it will greatly
facilitate Communica-
-tion.

His Lordship in Coun-
-cil desires that the Indents
mentioned in this Paragraph
may be submitted through
the channel of the Medical
Board.

By order of the Right
Honorable the Governor in
Council:

(Signed) G. Stracheys
Sec.y to Gov.t

The third Mem-
-ber also requested to be
allowed, to indent on the
Medical Board, for
Stationary, or on the
proper officer for it, if
the supplies of the Medi-
-cal Board, are not
adequate, for this increa-
-sed

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increased demand — and
authority to indent on the
proper Officer, for an Office
Establishment, as no part
of the Medical Board —
Office, can be properly appro-
priated, to this purpose —

(Signd) And.w Berry
3d Member Medical
Board

Paragraphs as wished to be
altered —

Para 40th As it is impossi-
ble that the Practice of —
Military Hospitals can be
properly conducted unless
the Surgeons keep Journals
of their Practice, and as
such Journals can alone
afford to the Superiors of the
Department, the means of
appreciating

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appretiating the Professional arguements and attention of Subordinate Officers, when removed from their personal Inspection, as well as enabling the Senr Member of the Medical Board to publish quarterly Medical Reports of the Diseases of the Coast, each Surgeon or Assistant in Medical charge of Hospitals, Garrisons, Military Stations, Regiments Battalions or details of Troops shall keep

1st A Journal of his Practice in which all severe, fatal, and uncommon Diseases must

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must be fully detailed
a General Statement
of Slight and usual
Diseases inserted, and a
review at the end of the
Journal of the diseases of the
month; and treatment
that has been most effec-
tual.

2d. Abstract of diseases agreeably to Form
No 1. shewing the date of
admissions and events,
Blank Forms of which
will be printed and trans-
mitted by the Medical
Report Register to Prac-
titioners.

3d. A Table agreeably
to Form. No 2. for ascer-
taining Meteorological
changes

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Changes as elucidatory of the Causes of Diseases - Blank Forms of which will also be printed and transmitted by the Medical Report Register to be filled up. -

4th When on Field Service or when there is much Sickness, and that Journals will interfere with more immediate duty an account of the prevailing Sickness must be transmitted Monthly by Practitioners, along with Returns - No 1. and 2. and a detail of the treatment and success and such circumstances as tend to the improvement of Medical knowledge

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knowledge.

5th A Return of the Expenditure of Medicines and Wine to be forwarded Monthly, exhibiting the receipts, issues and remains of each description of the Medical Stores in the course of the Month.

Medical Practitioners will receive from the 3rd Member of the Medical Board through the Register of Medical Reports such Instructions as may be farther necessary for the performance of these duties.

6th A Copy of the Journal or Reports to be transmitted

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transmitted on or before the
20th of each Month by Surge-
-ons and Assistant Surgeons
(with the exception already
stated of those at the Presi-
-dency) to the Superintending
Surgeon of the Division when
in Garrison or Cantonment,
and to the Senior Staff —
Surgeon of the Army or De-
-tachment when in the
Field.

(Signed) And.w Berry
3rd Member Medical
Board —

Form

Form N.o 1.

Vellore

Return of Sick for the Month of 1807

Days of Month			1.st				2.d				3.rd				Total				
Diseases		Remain from last Month	Taken Sick	Cured	Dead	Transferred	Taken Sick	Cured	Dead	Transferred	Taken Sick	Cured	Dead	Transferred	Cured	Unfit	Dead	Transferred	remaining
Intermitting Fever	European																		
	Native																		
Remitting Fever	European																		
	Native																		
Continued Fever	European																		
	Native																		
Dysentery	European																		
	Native																		
Strength of Garrison or Corps	European																		
	Native																		

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Form N.° 2.

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Meteorological Table for the Month of 1807

Days of the Month	Temperature: Cold at Sun rise	Heat in the afternoon	Dryness of the Atmosphere	Strength and course of Winds	Quantity of Rain	State of the Weather	Remarks
1.st							
2.nd							
3.rd							
4.th							
5.th							
6.th							
7.th							

(Signed) And.w Berry
3.rd Member Medical
Board

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Medical Board

26th May 1807

Procedings of the Medical Board — Submit a Minute of the 2d. a Member objecting to the Correspondence proposed to be carried on between the 3d. Member and Medical Practitioners —

The Medical Board having been solicited by the Governor in Council by the 2d. Member, to forward on the Proceedings of the a Minute from him, in Medical Board of the 25th reply to that of the 3rd. Ultimo, supercede the Member, which appears on their necessity of any observation Proceedings of yesterday's date, on the subject of those relative to the alteration of Proceedings. —

Para 40 of Section 15, Medical Department in the new Code of Regulations, and of his being permitted to give such Instructions as may appear necessary through the Register of Medical Reports, to the Surgeons as far as regards Journals, and Returns of Sick — the 2nd Member's Minute is herewith forwarded

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

(Signed) G. Strachey
Sec.y to Gov.t

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forwarded.—

The Medical Board must however say, as the subject is thus further discussed, that as what Doctor Berry requests, only relates to the detail in Journals, and Returns; and interferes not with the arrangement of the Service, and that Copies of every Instruction, will be made to the Medical Board and Superintending Surgeons, they see no necessity for troubling Government with such subjects, and that his request will facilitate the Communication, which the mode proposed by the 2nd. Member rather tends to retard

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retard.—

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" Terence Gahagan
M. D. & 2d. Member
Medical Board
" Andw. Berry
3d. Member Medical
Board.

Minute of the Second Member Medical Board.—

The Second Member is of opinion, that whatever alteration the 3d. Member may wish to be made in the Code of Regulations; whether regarding the Medical Journals of Practice, or Forms of Returns, should be distinctly made

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made out, laid by Doctor Berry, before the Medical Board, and submitted by them, to the determination of Government.

The Second Member is also of opinion, that no instructions whatever, should be issued through the Medical Report Register, to the Medical Servants of this Establishment — but, that the third Member, should apply to the Medical Board, for any directions he may think it necessary to have issued, through their Secretary, the only regular channel to Superintending Surgeons of Divisions &c. relative to Medical Journals,

Returns

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Returns of Sick &c.

By which means, every duty will be fulfilled with equal dispatch, and the utmost regularity – at the same time, that the integrity of the Medical Board will remain unimpaired.

The Second Member begs leave to add, in reply to the 2nd Paragraph, in the foregoing Proceedings, that the third Member proposing any alteration in the Code of Medical Regulations – to make any Indents for an office Establishment – or to issue any orders to the Superintending Surgeons of Divi-

-ons

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Divisions, or other Medical
Officers; otherwise, than in
the name of the Medical
Board, would in his opinion,
not only be interfering with the
Constitution, but a direct
assumption of the immediate
duties of that Board.

In publishing
Quarterly Medical Reports,
which is the ostensible motive,
for these proposed deviations,
it does not appear, that any
emergency of duty requiring
particular dispatch, can ever
occur.

The plan there-
fore of publishing Quarterly
Medical Reports, appearing
in its extent, to be only a
regular routine business, the

Second

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Second Member humbly submits to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, whether the utmost facility and effect will not be given to it, by duly preserving the present established regulations, and mode of Communication, and he only regrets that by its having been viewed in a different light by Doctor Berry, so much seemingly unnecessary trouble should have been occasioned to Government.

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

Read.

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Read the following letters from the Military Board.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board do not recommend the General adoption of Tats for the use of the European Troops—state the Chief Engineer and Military Auditor General to be fully satisfied as to the case of the property of Lantorn and the Captains the Indent for Madeira for the use of the Stud. Refer to former correspondence relative to the orders for storing Grain in Malabar and Canara—recommend that Mr. Surgeon Millar's Bond may be rested for a Chest at Bellary that Captain Brown may act as Barrack Master in Malabar, and that Grain for six Months may be stored for the Horse artillery—

1 We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of letters from the Chief Secretary of Government of the 22d and from the Secretary in the Military Department dated 4th. 16th. 18th. and 20th Instant; and to report that the necessary Orders have been given.—

2. We are of opinion that the universal use of Tats during the hot season would add to the Comfort of the Troops, but we do not consider the want of them likely to produce any bad Consequences, and we would be unwilling to recommend to your Lordship in Council, the adoption of a measure that would be attended with Considerable Expence, unless the certain advantages to be produced were manifest;

there

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there are few Stations at which Officers use Salt, we therefore think it will be altogether unnecessary to allow them to the Men, unless circumstances should induce Officers in Command to suggest the expediency of the measure, in which case it may be proper to enter more minutely on the investigation of the subject.—

3 We conceive that the Chief Engineer and the Auditor General would be proper persons, to become Umpires on the part of Government, in the Valuation of the property lately tendered for sale by Messrs. Lautour & Co.

4 We have called on the Chief Engineer to furnish an accurate valuation of the House which Messrs. Abbott and Maitland have proposed to barter for Ground on the North Beach, and shall have the honor to submit the same to your Lordship in Council.

5 We shall convey to the Superintendant of the Stud in the Ganjam District the instructions contained in the 3d Paragraph of Mr. Stracheys' letter of the 20th Instant regarding the

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the preservation of the Medicines which have recently been issued to him under the authority of Government; and in regard to the Quantity which has been demanded, we beg to state that the Indent was not meant to exhibit an allowance for any given period; — It merely contained a List of the articles which are considered necessary in veterinary practice; a large Quantity of those Medicines which are not likely to be injured by time was demanded, in order to avoid the inconvenience which might arise from the infrequency of opportunities and the risk of Conveyance to so great a distance; we imagine that the supply now furnished may last for some years, the last supply of Medicines for the Stud was issued in June 1801. —

6 In reply to the 3d. Paragraph of Mr. Staehey's Letter under date the 16th. Instant — we have the honor to forward Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara, in which he explains his motives for having directed the purchase of Grain for Store at the Stations Cannanore, Tellichirry, Mangalore, Cundapore, and Jemaulabad; the Letter

of

of the Commissary in Canara, which Colonel Forbes supposes to have miscarried was submitted to your Lordship in Council, with our Letter of the 16th March. The Statement of the quantity stored, the cost, and the present price, has not yet been received; when it reaches us we shall have the honor to forward it for the further information of Government.

7 Having called upon the Officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts for information regarding the practicability of procuring a building for the purpose of performing Divine Worship at Bellary: We have now the honor to enclose Copy of his reply; — as the Chaplain at Bellary has stated that Dr. Millars house is unobtainable to any other there, for the proposed purpose, We think that it should be rented at the moderate rate of 20 Pagodas per Month.

8 We have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from the Barrack Master in Malabar, requesting that Captain Snow may be permitted to act for him, untill he can himself receive

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receive Charge of the Department, we recommend that the request be complied with.—

9 We enclose Letter from the Acting General Agent for Cavalry Supplies proposing to Store a Quantity of Gram sufficient for the Horse Artillery for Six Months, and for the reasons which the General Agent has before stated, we recommend that his suggestion may be adopted and that an advance of Pagodas 6,000 may accordingly be authorized.—

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servants

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
" Ed. Trapaud
"
" P. A. Agnew
" Alex.r Orr
" J. Munro

Fort St. George
25th May 1807

To

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To the Secretary of the

Military Board

Sir,

I am honored with your
Letter of the 20th Instant, conveying, by order of the
Military Board, the Extract from the Letter of the
Chief Secretary to Government on the Subject of Rice
for the Troops — I regret exceedingly having incurred
His Lordships disapprobation — but have every
reason to believe from the information which I
have received, that what is laid in, may be sold
either now or in two Months hence, without any
loss to Government — I shall procure from the
Commissaries of the Provinces, an Account of the
Quantity Stored, the Cost and the present Price
&c. and forward them as soon as possible, as well
as a Copy of a Letter which I received from the
Commissary of Canara, a Copy of which I transmit-
-ted to the Board when I was on tour of Review
at Mangalore which Letter has I presume, mis-
-carried. It was that Letter which induced me

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to issue the order.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Cannanore
April 30th 1807

(Signed) Ben: Forbes
Colonel Commanding in
Malabar and Canara

True Copy
(Signed) W. Morison
D. J. A. B.

To the Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copies of all the information I am possessed of relative to a place for performing Divine Worship at Bellary, which I hope will be perfectly satisfactory to the Board.—

Madras May 18th 1807

(Signed) Dug.d Campbell
Major General

To

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To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government, a Letter from Mr. Superintending Surgeon Miller, proposing to dispose of his house at Bellary for Divine Worship, and as it is conveniently situated and the only Building at that Station that can easily be converted to that purpose, I beg leave to recommend the purchase of it to the favorable Consideration of Government.

Madras
11th February 1807

(Signed) Dug.d Campbell
Major General

To
Major General Campbell
Commanding in the
Ceded Districts.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo, and to acquaint

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acquaint you that His Lordship in Council has resolved to decline the purchase of the house mentioned in that Letter.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
11th March 1807.

Your
(Signed) G. Strachey
Secretary to Government

To Major General Dugald Campbell
Commanding the
Ceded Districts

Sir,

Being certain of the Conviction with which you are impressed of the necessity of subjoining the greatest propriety and Decorum to religion in all its ordinances, I am induced humbly to submit for your consideration, and through you for that of the Right Honorable the Governor the following proposition.

That as there is no Building at Bellary specifically adapted for the performance of Divine Service, and as the house lately occupied by

by Dr. Miller is the only one which could be so appropriated, it appears to me that it would be expedient for Government either to purchase or rent the said house, which may with the expence of 150 Pagodas be made to answer the wished for purpose — The rent of the house is 20 Pagodas — The Sum of 150 Pagodas above mentioned would be necessary to defray the expence of a moveable Pulpit covered with cloth and of Benches for the Soldiers to Sit on — this I should hope would not be conceived an unreasonable demand on my part, as I am convinced that the presence of a Chaplain, and the performance of Divine Worship, unaided by a Strict attention to those Solemn exterions we have been accustomed to from our infancy, would in a great measure, if not altogether fail of the effect the Honorable Directors are desirous of producing on the minds of their European Subjects in India.

I

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

April 20th

Bellary

(Signed) I. Thomas

Chaplain

True Copy

(Signed) Dug.d Campbell

Major General

True Copies

(Signed) W. Morison

Dept. Secy Milty Board

Captain I. Marshall

Secretary Military Board

Fort St. George.

Sir,

As the Monsoon has now set in on the Malabar Coast — it will most likely hinder my being able to join my situation for some short time — I therefore have appointed Captain E: Snow to take charge of the situation from Captain Cosby, and have given him full authority to act for me, till I can join — I have to request you will report this to the Board

who

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who I hope will be pleased to grant their sanction
for Captain Snows acting for me.—

Trichinopoly
22d. May 1807

(Signed) P. H. Vesey
Barrack Master. Malabar

True Copy
(Signed) W. Morison
D. L. M.B.

To the Secretary of the
Military Board.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, informing me that authority had been granted me by Government to take such measures as I should deem expedient for the supply of the Horse Artillery at the Mount.—

In conformity with these instructions, I beg leave to represent to the Military Board, that the method of supply which appears to me at present most advisable for that Station, is to purchase immediately a quantity of Gram sufficient

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sufficient for the Consumption of Six Months,
and to lodge it in some convenient Store-house-
-. The amount of the Sum requried for this purchase
will be at the present market price of gram about
6,000 Pagodas, for which it is hoped that an Ad-
-vance may be sanctioned with as little delay as
possible.—

The urgency of the case induces
me to take the liberty of again insisting on the loss
which must necessarily ensue to the Company in
the event of any delay— The price of gram has risen,
during the last Month 20 Pagodas per Garce,
that price will become daily more exorbitant and
the want of the requisite advances for the Mount
has already prevented me from entering into a
Contract for the Supply of that Station, which
would have proved to the Company of considerable
advantage.—

Madras 18th May 1807

(Signed) R. Bayer Otto
Acting Genl. Agent Cavalry
Supplies

True Copy,
(Signed) W. Morison
D. S. M. B.

To

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To the Right Honorable

Lord William C. Bentinck

Governor in Council

My Lord

Vc. Vc. Vc.

From the Military Board- Submit Register of Extraordinaries for March and recommend payment of Bills and Advances of Money-

We have the honor to forward for the decision of Government, Register of Charges Extraordinary for the Month of March last, with our opinion annexed on them.—

2

We beg to recommend payment of the following enclosed Bills Viz.—

No. 1..... Bill of the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency, for expenses incurred in Chunaming the King's Barracks in Fort Saint George Amounting to Pagodas 642. 10. 74.—

No. 2..... Bill of the Superintending Engineer at Fort Saint George, for Chunaming the extenion of the Portuguese Square- Amounting to Pagodas 412. 18. 43.—

No. 3..... Bill of the Officer Commanding at Ganjam, for repairs executed to the Mint-house

No. 16

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No. 16 at that Station - Amounting to Rupees 346. 12. —

No. 4 ..... Bill or Declaration of Captain Gifford of the Bombay Establishment relative to an advance of Pagodas 157. 26. 39, made to him when in the Command of Anganypar by the Paymaster in Malabar, for the purpose of repairing the public Buildings at that Station. The Estimate for this Work was passed under our authority in May 1805, but as this Sum remained on the Books of the Military Paymaster General at the personal debit of Captain Gifford, and no Report of Survey or Bill of Charges has been received at this Office on Completing the repairs, which he states in the enclosed Copy of his Letter to have forwarded, we are induced to recommend that the Amount may be admitted, which Captain Gifford declares to have been expended solely and justly for the purpose expressed. —

3. We recommend also payment

of

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of the following Advances of Cash—
Viz.t—

An Advance of Pagodas 450
to Captain Noble Commanding the Squadron
of Horse Artillery, being two-thirds of the estimated
Expense for carrying into effect certain alterations
and additions which we have authorized him to
make to the Horse appointments of the
Squadron.—

An Advance of Pagodas 130
to the Superintending Engineer at Seringapatam,
being one-third of the Cost of Coping the Wall
of the European Barrack at that Sta-
tion.—

An Advance of Pagodas 200
to the Engineer at Cannanore, being one-third of
the Estimate for improving the General Hospital
at that Station.—

An advance of Pagodas 212 to
the Engineer at Cannanore, being one-third of the
Cost for repairing the Barrack occupied by the

main

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main Guard at Cannanore.

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
25th May 1807

Sir &c.
(Signed) J. F. Cradock
" E. Trapaud
" R. Bell
" P. A. Agnew
" Alex.r Orr
" J. Munro

To the Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Finding that I am not likely for some time to be able to get the Proceedings of the Committee required to pass my account, for the Sum expended in making the Repairs to the Public Buildings at Inganny poor in May 1805 — I have thought it expedient to forward a declaration on honor, to the expenditure of the Sum that I received in advance by order of the Military Board at Fort Saint George for that purpose, hoping thereby

to

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to facilitate the adjustment of the Account; & should it not however prove sufficient, it is my intention to address the Honorable the Governor in Council on the subject.

I have to lament that I was not sooner informed, that the Proceedings of the Committee had not reached the Military Board as I preserved a Copy of Bill Ysa for more than a year, and only destroyed them upon this Corps being ordered in January last to march from Poonah to Goa.

I have already stated that the Estimate made out by me was as moderate as possible, and had I not received the assistance of the Collector of the District, the Sum charged would have been inadequate to the purpose.

I have the honor to be Ysa Ysa

Goa 3d May 1807

(Signed) F. W. Gifford

True Copy

(Signed) B. Roebuck

A. P. G.

True Copy

(Signed) A. Stock

Acting Secretary

Resolved

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Resolution thereon — Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the Bills and Advances of Money recommended in the foregoing Letter; and the decisions of the Board having been passed in the usual form on the Charges included in the Register of Extraordinaries for March, it is ordered to be returned to the Military Board, accompanied by the following Letter —

To the President & Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board. Concurs in their opinion respecting the use of Tats - approves their selection of Umpires to value the property of Sautoux and Co. Doubts the propriety of the Indent for Medicines for the Stud - Authorizes the purchase of Grain for the Horse Artillery.

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 25th Ultimo —

2 His Lordship in Council — Concurs in your opinion respecting the general use of Tats at the different Stations of the Army.

3 His Lordship in Council approves the umpires whom you have selected on the part of the Government to value the property lately tendered for sale by Messrs Sautoux & Co who

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who will accordingly be informed of the mode which it has been determined to adopt in negociating that purchase.

4 With respect to the Indent for Medicines recently dispatched to Canjam for the use of the Stud, His Lordship in Council apprehends that the explanation which you have submitted regarding the principle on which that Indent was framed, will not be considered by the Honorable Court of Directors to be very satisfactory.

5 His Lordship in Council does not at present Consider it to be necessary that Mr. Surgeon Millar's House at Bellary should be rented for the purpose of being used as a Chapel at that Station.

6 His Lordship in Council has authorized an advance of Pagodas 6000 in favor of the General Agent for Cavalry Supplies, for the purpose of laying in Store a Quantity of Gram for the Horse Artillery sufficient for six months

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Months.—

7 Authority has also been given for the payment of the Bills and other advances of Money recommended in your letter.—

8 Inclosed the Register of extraordinaries for the Month of March, with the decisions of His Lordship in Council on the Charges therein Stated.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) G. Strachey
Secy to Government

Fort St. George
7th June 1807.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General submitting a Letter from Captain D. Macgregor of the 11th Regt of Nat. Infantry, complaining of

1 In justice to the Office under my charge I feel it incumbent upon myself to

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of the delayed payment of his allowances. Remonstrates against the style of that address, and defends the Office of Audit.

to submit to the consideration of your Lordship in Council a letter from Captain Donald MacGregor of the 11th Native Regiment, which admitting even the Office of Audit to have been wrong, I humbly conceive to be written in a Style intemperate and disrespectful.

2

So far I allow Captain MacGregor to be right, that on his arrival from England he lodged his Certificate of last Pay from the India house with the Paymaster of Fort Saint George, and drew from him his first Months Indian allowances — The Abstract for these Allowances could not by the Regulations be entered in Mr. Greenhills' Disbursements, but was transferred by him to be entered in the Disbursements of the Paymaster at Hydrabad where Captain MacGregor's Corps then was.

3

Under the Circumstances above stated it was impossible for the Office of Audit to have seen Captain MacGregor's Abstract until it came back with the Hydrabad Paymasters

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Paymasters Disbursements, accompanied by a Copy of the Certificate from the India house, which had been tacked to it by some person in the Paymasters' Office at Fort Saint George instead of the original.—

4 When original Certificates can be procured, Copies are never admitted by this Office as sufficient vouchers for passing a Charge, and Consequently Captain Mac Gregor's Pay and Allowances were retrenched.—

5 Had Captain Mac Gregor agreeably to the Regulations, communicated with this Office thro' the Channel of the Paymaster from whose Disbursements the Retrenchment was made, he would most probably have been informed of what he was before ignorant, namely that a Copy and not the original Certificate accompanied his Abstract, and that therefore the blame lay not with the Office of Audit.—

I

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Military Auditor General's
Office Fort St. George
3rd June 1807

I have the honor to be
Yrs. Yrs.
(Signed) Alexr. Orr
Mily. Audr. Genl.

To the Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

It is upwards of three
Months since I answered a Retrenchment
from your Office, Grounded on your not having
received the Original Certificate of the last
Pay I received in England; I have now to
inform you that the Certificate was lodged by
me, with Mr. Greenhill, in the Paymaster
General's Office agreeable to the order of Govern-
ment, and had you been at the trouble of
perusing the Certificate given in by me with
the first Abstract I drew with the Regiment,
you would have seen that I drew my Pay
from the Paymaster General's Office, on
Duplicate Abstract, and what you are pleased

to

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to call a Copy I never saw nor heard of, 'till I received your Retrenchment, consequently there can be no blame attached to me, on the Contrary I consider it a great handship, when I was ordered out on actual Service at a moments warning to be deprived of my Pay, on such frivolous and vexatious grounds, and disagreeable as it may be to me, I will be under the necessity of making a Representation to Government if you do not on receipt of this send me an order to receive my Pay &c.

Samulcottah
23d May 1807

(Signed) D.s MacGregor
Captain 1.st Batt.n 11.th Reg.t
Native Infantry

Ordered that the following Letters be dispatched to the Military Auditor General and to Captain D.s MacGregor respectively.—

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the

To the Mily Auditor Genal. Regrets the inconvenience experienced by Capt. Mc Gregor, presumes that it has been occasioned and might have

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Sir,

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To the Mil.y Aud.r General. Regrets the inconvenience experienced by Capt.n Mc Gregor, persuaded that it has been occasioned as he might have

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have been obviated, and desires that the Servants of the Pay=master at the Presi=dency may be instruc=ted to transact busi=ness with greater caution. concurs in his opinion respecting the improper style of Capt.n Mc Gregor's address.

the receipt of your Letter of the 3.d Instant.

2 His Lordship in Council is of opinion that Captain D.d Mac Gregor of the 11.th Regiment of Native Infantry has just ground to Complain of the inconvenience to which he has been exposed by the delay which has occurred in the payment of his allowances, owing to inad=vertency in the Paymaster's Office at the Presidency; and I am directed to desire that you will instruct Mr. Greenhill to caution the Writers employed under his orders against the Commission of similar mistakes.

3 His Lordship in Council concludes that you will have removed the difficulty experience by Captain Mac Gregor, and directs me to express to you his regret that it should have continued for so long a period.

4 It is presumed that the Military Paymaster at the Presidency had attested the Copy of the Certificate which was at=tached to Captain Mac Gregor's Abstract although therefore

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therefore the Retrenchment of that Officer's Allowances has been made in strict Conformity to the Regulations of the Service, His Lordship in Council apprehends that the necessity for that Retrenchment might have been obviated with great propriety by a direct application on your part to the Paymaster at the Presidency for the original Certificate which appeared to have been necessarily deposited in his Office.

5 I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter which has been addressed to Captain MacGregor by Order of the Governor in Council; by which you will perceive that while His Lordship in Council regrets the disappointment occasioned to that Officer, His Lordship entirely concurs in your opinion with regard to the extreme impropriety of the manner in which he has presumed to state it.

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

Fort St. George
7th June 1807.

(Signed) G. Strachey
Sec.y to Government

To

5415.

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To Captain Donald MacGregor
of the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment
Native Infantry

Sir,

To Captain D. Mac-gregor of the 11th Regiment Native Infantry. Regrets the inconvenience, which he has experienced, and informs him that measures have been taken for removing it- reprehends the style of his letter to the Military Auditor General-

Your Letter of the 23rd Ultimo to the Military Auditor General having been submitted by that Officer to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, I am directed to inform you that His Lordship in Council has observed with Considerable regret the inconvenience which you have suffered by the Stoppage of your pay, owing to an error in the Office of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency.

The Military Auditor General whose Conduct on the occasion was perfectly consistent with the Regulations of the Service has been authorized by His Lordship in Council to relieve you without further delay from the natural effect of that error. He has also been desired to instruct the Paymaster at Fort Saint George to be more cautious in

future

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future not to expose any person to similar
inconvenience.—

Having Stated this explanation,
I have it in Command from His Lordship in
Council to inform you that he entirely disapproves
the tenor of your Communication to the Military
Auditor General — There could have been no
impropriety if in feeling yourself aggrieved,
you had Communicated the grounds of the
grievance ... through the regular
Channel to that Office, but your letter should have been framed
with that respect which is due to the department
of Audit, and not in terms of indecorum and
violence — but from the mode of proceeding which
you have adopted, His Lordship in Council
deems your Conduct to be deserving of particular
reprehension.—

I am &c &c

Fort St. George
7th June 1807

(Signed) G. Stracheys
Secy to Government

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Town Major.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Town Majr. Reports the result of his enquiry respecting the Escort of part of the Treasure recently sent to the Presidency from Ramnad.

Para 1 I had the honor to receive Mr. Strachey's letter of the 26th Ultimo that evening, and the Jemadar with his guard of the Maraua Provincial Battalion therein mentioned were sent to my Office from the Treasury, the next forenoon.

2. Indisposition has prevented me from Completing the directed inquiry into the Conduct of that guard until now.

3 I have entered in the Accompanying Minutes every article of information that I was able to obtain from the Men of the Guard, from the Collectors Servants and from the Owners and Drivers of the Bullocks employed in bringing up the Treasure from Ramnad — and I am sorry to say that there is nothing tending to the

recovery

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recovery of the Bag of Pagodas — or to fix the theft upon any individual person of the Guard; whose Conduct appears however to have been very irregular, in several particulars which I will point out.—

4 According to Common practice in Similar Cases the Jemadar should have examined the Gunny Bags particularly — before they were taken out of the Choultry to be laden on the Bullocks on the morning of the 25th Ultimo — but there is, this excuse for the omission; that it was before day light — and he had no lantern; and as the Cut in the Gunny was discovered by other means before he moved off, the omission did not post pone enquiry; or in my opinion remove responsibility from the guard

Para 5.

5 Ryapah Sepoy Sentinel over the money from 10 — to 12 o Clock at night — Sat down during his tour close to the Money — and by his own confession slept from 12 to 24 Minutes — This was disobedience of orders and neglect of

duty

duty on his post — Para 7th 12-15-28-34-45-
and I have ordered him to be confined —

6. Sheik Biram — or more — a
property Ibrahim the joint Sentinel — with Ryapah
is guilty of neglect of duty — in not reporting to the
Havaldar who posted them — and to the Naique who
relieved him that he had discovered Ryapah sitting
down — Para 7 — 12-15-31 — and I have confined him
for it. —

7 Towards the close of my enquiry
I discovered other irregularities committed by the
Sepoys on duty over the Money — on the 25th May
Thus.

8 Sheik Hamed — who had been
relieved as Sentinel — at Sun Set — returned to the
Choultry before 8 o Clock and took the place of
Omar Khan the regular Sentinel, who went out
for some time and brought his dinner into the Choultry
and sat down near the Gunny's with it for near a
quarter of an hour — and Mootoo Coonie the joint
Sentinel with Omar Khan, saw these transactions

and

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and made no opposition to them, and none of the three reported any thing of the matter to the Hävaldar or Naique of the Guard - as far as can be proved. Para 51-54-55-56-57 —

I have ordered Ameer Khan and Moollee Coorie to be confined for disobedience of orders - and neglect of duty - and Shaik Homed to be confined for irregular behaviour. —

The account given by the — Bullock Men when the Gunny was found to be cut - of the number of bags - which they had in — a charge - or ought to have - is so variously reported, by the Jemadar Para 5 - By the Havaldar Para 11 by Chinnee Mahomed Bullock Man Para 20 - By Ramasamy the Gullar Para 24 - By Sheik Ibraim Para 29. By Sall Mahomed Peon Para 35 - By Bawah Rowtia Bullock man Para 40 - and by Goroo moortie the Schoff Para 60 - 61, that I cannot pronounce whether the Jemadar had most reason to think that a bag had been lost or the contrary — But as a

Gunny

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Gunny had been cut during the night - and there was ground to suspect at least that a bag had been stolen - I am clearly of opinion that he should have ascertained the fact - before he marched, by an examination of the other Gunnys: and should have searched every man of his escort and attending it, before he permitted one of them to move out of his place if he found any deficiency, because as they were then all drawn up ready to march, it is probable that the thief had the property about him intending to take an opportunity of hiding it - on the march - But as this can only be called an error in judgement - on the part of the Jemadar: and I have no apprehension of his absconding - I have not placed him in Confinement -

I have not discovered any neglect of duty or inattention on the part of Havaldar and Naigue who had the guard of the Money on the night of the 25th - As it appears that they posted the Sentinels regularly and counted over the gunnys at each relief, and having no lantern

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or even lamp — they could not well examine them more particularly during the night —

I have permitted the Bullock men to send two of their number to a distance with the Cattle; and have directed the Jemadar, with the part of his escort not placed in confinement — and the other Bullock Men as well as the Collectors Servants to remain here and wait the further orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town Major

Town Majors Office
Fort St. George
2d June 1807

Minutes

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Minutes of an Enquiry made by Major Barclay into the Conduct of a Guard of the Marruwa Provincial Battalion sent in Charge of Treasure by the Collector of Ramnad of which one Bag out of 31 - each Containing 1000 Star Pagodas was reported deficient by the Sub-Treasurer

28th May 1807

1st Jemidar Rajauram Com-manding the Escort, acknowledged to have seen Counted and to have received 31 Bags of Star Pagodas in the Collectors Cutcherry at Ramnad - and that one Bag was deficient - when he Counted over the Money again in the Treasury in Fort St. George - on the 26th Instant.

2 He stated that he also received 12 Bags of Porto Novo Pagodas of 1000 each - and 63 Bags of Rupees of 500 - each - in all - 106 Bags those Bags were laid together, he placed Sentinels round them, the Bullock men were called in, with large grain Bags - and they with the assis-tance of the Peiscar of the Cutcherry - disposed of the 106 Bags of Money in 13 Bullock Bags when

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the Money was allowed to drop down to the Bottom of the Bullock Bags - these were found to reach near to the ground - and therefore the Money was shaken up from the Bottom - about one third of the length of each side of the Bullock bag which was then doubled up - and sewed; leaving only one fold of the Gunny - below - and having three - folds above the Money - with the Money thus disposed of, he arrived at the Moottien - gaun Choultry - about 10 Miles from Madras on the 25th Instant without any accident - or loss -

3 According to the usual Custom, he examined the Gunny Bags - on their being taken off the Bullocks that morning - and did the same before Sun Set - when all were found to be in good order, by himself and the Havildar who had the Guard that day -

The Guard that day - and the Sentinels for the night were as fol - - lows -

Mahomed

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Mahomed Cootie Havildar.
Venkatroyah Naigue.

Shaik Homed, Tirevorie } Sepoys. Sentinels from 4 to 6. P. M.
and over the Money when examined

Mooltoo Coorie, Omar Khan ... } Sepoys. Sentinels from 6. to 8. P. M.

Rajah Ramasamy, Meer Hussein } Sepoys. Sentinels from 8. to 10. P. M.

Shaik Biram 1st, Ryapah } Sepoy. Sentinels from 10 to 12

Shaik Biram 2d, Rangah Raiye } Sepoy. Sentinels from 12 to 2. A. M.

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The orders were, for the Havildar and Naigue to relieve the Sentinels alternately - the Havildar beginning at 6 o Clock - and to examine the Bullock bags - at each relief and report to the Jemidar immediately - if any thing appeared amiss - and for the Sentinels to keep their Eyes so fixed on the bags that neither Sheetaun / The Devil / or Choosh / a Rat / or Deemauk / or white Ants / should touch them -

and

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and they were particularly cautioned against sitting down.

5 Nothing particular was reported to the Jemidar during that night – He called up the whole Guard, near 2 o Clock in the morning and ordered the Men to put the Gunnys on the Bullocks, without examining them himself – as soon as they were all laden, and before moving off – one of the Bullock Men Chinnamah informed him that one of the Gunnys was Cut: that in putting it on the Bullock, the Bag had been turned so as to bring the wrong side uppermost – and by that means he had discovered the hole – which he probably would not otherwise have done – the Jemidar immediately called the Collectors Gullar – and two Peons who accompanied the Escort – and in their presence had the Gunny taken off the Bullock – He saw a small hole newly cut in the lower side of the Bullock bag – (where there was only one fold of Gunny) resolving to examine the Contents of the Gunny – he desired the Bullock man to take out the Money Bags by that hole – and four Bags of

Pagodas

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Pagodas were taken out accordingly - but a large bag - which was found to be in the Gunny, could not be taken out - at the hole - on which the Jemidar caused it to be enlarged by tearing the Gunny - and the bag proved to be one of 500 Rupees, in the other side of the Gunny, Six Bags of Pagodas were found -

The Bullock Man said that the bags had been arranged in that manner, one bag of Rupees being reckoned nearly equivalent to two bags of Pagodas - and that he had 46 Bags on his Six Bullocks and the other owner had 60 Bags on his seven bullocks. —

6 As the whole number of bags were thus accounted for by the Bullock Men who had packed them up, the Jemidar thought that none had been lost and proceeded on his march without further enquiry and did not discover the loss of the bag until he was counting out the Cash at the Treasury. —

7 When the discovery had been made and he began to question the Guard which had

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had been over the Money during the night - Sheik Biram 1st one of the Sentinels who mounted over it at 10 o Clock, reported that near the end of his tour - he Missed Ryapah the other Sentinel - and after looking very Sharp for a little time / the wind would not allow the Lamp to burn / he discovered him sitting down by the Tow of Gunnys - called him aloud by his name three times, without receiving any answer, and on going close up to him and calling him again by name he started up - Biram asked him why he sat down, and Ryapah replied "for nothing at all - call the other Sentinels to relieve us" - Biram did not think it time for the relief and delayed a while to call up the Naigue - He added that the two Sentinels who were outside the Choultry in which the Gunnys were depo-sited / and who had no immediate Charge of the Money / heard him Call Ryapah by his name; and he acknowledged that he did not report to the Naigue who relieved him, that Ryapah had sat down by the Money - during his tour of Standing - a Sentinel. -

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The Jemidar having retired Havildar Mahomed Coolie was called in and stated that the Money was usually guarded as follows.—

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As soon as the Bullocks were ordered forward to be laden, the guard was divided into four Squads, the two Havildars with a guard each were posted in front and rear, and the two Naigues with a Squad each were posted on the flanks; the Gunnys were then taken up by the Bullock men and put upon the Cattle each Gunny being attended into the Square by one of the Sentinels — when the whole were laden the Sentinels joined their Squads and the party proceeded in the order before described, to the next ground. When the Gunnys were taken off the Bullocks, they were examined by the Jemidar and the Non Commissioned Officers, arranged in rows, in the most secure place and two Sentinels placed over them. They were again examined in the Evening least Rats or white Ants should have injured them.—

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10 A Havildar and a Naigue had a guard over them every night, and relieved the Sentinels by turns – they were ordered to examine the Gunnys as well as they could do in the dark at every relief – The Sentinels were cautioned to keep their eyes constantly on the Gunnys; to permit nothing to come near them, and not to talk or sit down. —

11 This Havildar was on guard during the night of the 25th Instant when the party halted at the Moolliu gaur Choultry – He gave the same detail of the Sentinels as the Jemidar did – and a Similar account of the discovery of the hole in the Gunny, and of the examination of its Contents &c. excepting that he does not remember the exact number of Bags of Money which each Bullock owner acknowledged to have; but between them they acknowledged to have 106 – which satisfied the Jemidar that none were lost. —

12 This Havildar also gave the same account as the Jemidar had done of the Report of Ryapahs Conduct made by Shaik Biram – after the

bag

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bag of Pagodas was found deficient at the Treasury – he added that the Naigue who relieved those two Sentinels at 12 oClock at night, mentioned to him that he had counted the Gunnys, and he said that the place was very dark and no person could do more than ascertain that the Number of Gunnys was right – he said also that if the Lamp had Continued to burn he would have Considered himself and his Sentinels answerable for the Money in the Gunnys – if he found them sound when he posted the Sentinels – and the next relief had found them injured, but as they were in the dark he thought himself only answerable for the Number of Gunnys which he could Count.

13 The Havildar having withdrawn Venkat. Rauze Naigue was called in.

14 He acknowledged having been on the guard over the Money – on the night of the 25th. Instant when the escort halted at the

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the Moollingar = Choultry - and that he attended the Jemidar and Havildar and assisted at the examination of the Gunnys that evening before Sunset - and found them all safe and sound - He gave the same detail of the Sentinels and of the orders to the guard - as the Jemidar did - and added that he counted the Gunnys when he relieved the Sentinels at eight o'Clock and at twelve - but could not see - it being dark - whether any injury had been done to them or not -

15 He confirmed the Jemidar's account of the discovery of a Gunny having been cut - the examination of its Contents - and of a bag of - 10 Pagodas being deficient, when the Money was Counted out at the Treasury; and of the Report then made by Shaik Biram of Ryapah's Conduct, while Sentinel between 10 and 12 o'Clock -

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16th Chinny Mahomed - a Subbie; an owner of some of the Bullocks who brought up the Money, being called in stated that three of the

bullocks

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bullocks belonged to his Father, and three to him-
=self and were attended by him and a younger
Brother - they had 46 Bags of Money on their six Bul-
=locks thus - on 1 Bullock 8 . 8 Bags

on 2	"	4 . 8	23 Rupees
on 1	"	6 . 6	11 Star Pagodas
on 1	"	1.11. — 1	12 Porto Novo Pags.
on 1	"		

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17 On the march from Devi-
=patam - which is one Stage from Ramnad - one
of his Bullocks threw his load - and the Jemidar
Struck him with a Rattan - which made him
very attentive to his Bullocks and to all the
Jemidars orders - all the rest of the March, but he
incurred the Jemidar's displeasure twice
afterwards. —

18 His account of the examination
of the Gunny Bags every day - the manner of loading
and unlading the Bullocks and posting Sentie-
=nels

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Sentinels during the halt, and surrounding the Bullocks and drivers while on the march differed in no material point from what the Havildar has given. —

19 He states that the Gunnys were examined particularly on the evening of the 25th when they halted at the Moottingar Choultry, and were found to be in good order by the Jemidar, the Havildar and Naigue of the Guard — The Gunnys were placed in two rows — Six in one and seven in the other Row — and by a Knotted piece of twine — or other such mark he knew the gunny which belonged to each particular bullock — and loaded it accordingly — The other Bullock owners — seven gunnys had been laden and five of his own — and when lading the last gunny of the whole thirteen — he discovered that it had been cut in the side which lay nearest to the Bullock — He immediately mentioned the Circumstance to the Jemidar who ordered him to take off the Gunny — and examine its Contents — he did so before

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the guard, and the Collector's Gullar and Peons - and took four bags of Pagodas out at the hole which had been cut in the gunny - and tore the hole a little larger by the Jemidar's order, to get out the Bag of Rupees - Six Bags of Pagodas were found on the other Side.

20 The man then mentioned to the Jemidar that there were 34 Bags of Money on his other 5 Bullocks, and there ought to have been 12 in the gunny then opened - but there were only 11 - and asked what he was to say for the other - The Jemidar answered there ought to be 46 bags upon his Bullocks - and he supposed he had made a mistake in packing them - when they arrived at the next Choultry he would examine all his gunnys - They were not examined however until the arrival of the party at the Treasury on the Fort -

21 He further states that the Jemidar made no search for the Bag - either among the

the men of the guard or the Bullock Men - or the
Collectors Servants - and that there were no
followers - with the party, women. Children or
Servants of any description, excepting the Jemidars
Housekeeper, who remained at the Mootlin - gave
Choultry with the horse - The Housekeepers name
is Permaul - of the Dinger Cast - who also prepa-
red the Choukah for Circle in which Rajapoots
dress their Victuals / washed the Rice, scoured the
pots and brought water, for the Jemidars
Victuals. -

22 When the Bag was missed
at the Treasury the Jemidar sent back a
Havildar and four Sepoys to the Mootlingam
Choultry, to enquire if Permaul the Housekeeper
or any of the Tannah Peons had found it in the
morning - The Havildar is the Jemidars Son-in
law, the Bullock man does not know his name,
the Sepoys were Ryapah, Mootloo Coorie -
Bawah Sahib / a familiar appellation and
not

not his Roll name / the other Sepoys name he did not remember - He heard that those Sepoys had been Sentinels over the Money during the night - and he heard at the Treasury, that Ryapah had been seen sitting down near the Gunnys while he was Sentinel.

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The Bullock man having withdrawn Ramasamy - Gullar in the Service of the Collector of Ramnad, was called in. - He stated that the gunny bags were examined at the Moottingam Choultry - and found to be all in good order - They were placed in two Rows as usual and Sentinels posted over them, and the Jemidar with his guard slept around or near them - This Gullar the Shroff and two peons found a Convenient place for themselves - at some distance; and the Bullock men slept near their Cattle - There were four Sentinels that night two over the Money - one at the door of the Choultry in which it was deposited and one over the arms of the Guard.

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21 The Jemidar called up his men in the morning and ordered the Money to be laden on the Bullocks - when that had been done - a Cut was discovered in one of the Gunnys and the Jemidar sent for the Gullar the Shroff and Peons and caused the Gunny to be examined, when four Bags of Pagodas and one of Rupees were found in the end which had been cut and Six bags of Pagodas in the other - The Jemidar asked the Bullock man how that happened - and he answered the Collectors Head Servant had packed them in that manner - There was then a Conversation between the Jemidar and all the Bullock Men about the number of Bags - upon their respective Bullocks - two owners acknowledged to 60 Bags - and the man whose Bullock carried the Gunny which had been cut acknowledged to 46 Bags, upon this report the Jemidar ordered the guard to move forwards - and on Counting out the bags at the Treasury in the fort, one bag of Pagodas

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was deficient.—

25 The Jemidar did not seem to suspect that any Money had been Stolen; and did not search the Sepoys Knapsacks—or the Bullock men at the Mootingam Choultry; but when the bag was missed at the Treasury he sent back a Hawildar and two Sepoys to that Choultry, to search a Housekeeper as this man understood; and to look about the place where the gunnys had been deposited during the night—and also to enquire of the Tannah Peons He also sent some people to examine the Sepoys Knapsacks which they had left in a Choultry in Chintadreepet.—

26 This Gullar said that he saw the Cut in the bag—and that it was large enough to admit the Bullock mans hand to take out the bag of Pagodas—but the night was so dark that he could not see whether it was a new Cut or an old one. it was straight and had been cut by a Sharp instrument—

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on being asked why the Jemidar had not searched the mens Knapsacks Ja. on seeing such a hole in the Gunny - he answered that he was not the Jemidars Master and did not know his mind -

27 It was with the greatest difficulty that I could get any answers, or information from this man; he always reverted to his original Story, that he counted out the bags at Rammad - and did the same in the Treasurey when the Bag was missed - and seemed to think that as he had no Charge of the Money on the road he was not obliged to give any information respecting the Cane which had been taken of it -

28 Shaik Ibraim Sepoy - being called in stated that he - and Ryapah - Sepoy were posted as Sentinels over the Money - as the third relief - by Havildar Mahomed Coolie Beg - who counted - over the Gunnys - to them, but it was so dark that neither of them could see whether

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the gunnys were all sound at the time, or no, besides these two Sentinels specially posted over the Money, Mootlinnie the Sentinel posted at the back door of the Choultry which was shut during the night, was also inside of the Choultry- during the tour this man Shaik Ibraim observed Ryapah sitting down near the Gunnys and called out to him by his name twice without getting any answer but on calling a third time Ryapah asked him why he called him - said his legs were sore and that it was time to call up the relief; this witness did not think it was time - for the relief - and as Ryapah got up, on being called the third time, he thought no more of the matter; and made no report of his behaviour to the Naigue who relieved them at 12 o'Clock - The Naigue counted the Bags at that time, but could not examine them particularly on account of the darkness.

29 When the Gunnys were laden on the bullocks in the morning one of the

bullocks

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Bullock Men to whose division the gunny belonged told the Jemidar that there was a hole in it — The Jemidar caused it to be examined and found only Eleven bags in it — The Bullock men gave account of the Number of bags which they had — and it was supposed that all was right and the Jemidar ordered the party to proceed. —

30 This man further stated that his walk was five paces — That Ryapah could not have sat down longer than while he marched these five paces and back again, This witnesses walk extended from the Door which was open to the end of the Rows of Gunny bags — The Sentinel who was called inside the Choultry when the back door was shut / which was opposite to the open door / walked infront of it — and Ryapah had a short walk near the other end of the rows of Gunnys —

31 He acknowledged that the Sentinels had particular orders not to sit down — and from not suspecting that any mischief had been done — he omitted to report to the Naigue that

Ryapah

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Ryapah had sat down near the Gunnys; but when a bag was Missed he related the Circumstance to the Jemidar.—

32 He stated of his own accord that Ryapah has an Instrument for cutting the Areca Nuts with a small knife - in one side of the grip - which he always carries about his person - He had also a large Clasp knife but the Jemidar borrowed it the day that the guard halted at the Moollingan Choultry - he did not recollect having seen a small knife with any other person of the guards.—

33. This Witness further stated - that on all occasions on the march, when the Money was to be laden on the Bullocks - they were first brought up as near as convenient to the place where the Gunnys lay and were surrounded by the Guard - two Sentinels were placed between this square and the Gunnys - some Sepoys were posted between them and the Gunnys and then the Bullock men were

sent

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sent to bring the Gunnys - one by one - in presence of these Sepoys: the two Sentinels who had been over them that watch remaining till the last was brought away - It has been this mans turn to be employed - in all these ways - and therefore he knows the practice exactly - he had been relieved at 12 o'Clock the night that the gunny was cut - and when they wese laden in the morning he was surrounding the Bullocks -

34. Moolimmee Sepoy being called in stated that he was posted Sentinel inside a Door of the Choultry, in which the Money was deposited at 10 o'Clock of the night of the 25th Instant - Shaik Ibraim and Ryapah were Sentinels at the same time over the Money - and Shaik Osman was Sentinel outside the other Door of the Choultry. - This man states that he had no particular charge of the Money; but during his tour he heard Shaik Ibraim call Ryapah by name four times without getting any answer - he did not know why Shaik - Ibrahim

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Ibraim called in that manner, but he took a Step or two off his own ground and nearer to the money and as Shaik Ibraim called Ryapah again in a louder and Sharper tone of Voice he saw him in the act of rising up — near the Gunnys he did not hear any thing that Ryapah said to Shaik Ibraim excepting desiring him to call up the relief —

31st May

35, Sall Mahomed — one of the Collectors peons who accompanied the Shroff and gullar being called in and asked what he knew of the loss of the bag of Pagodas — and of the Conduct of the guard which was in Charge of the Money — answered that on the arrival of the guard at the Mooltingan Choultry the gunny bags were examined by the Jemidar, Havildars and Naigues and Sepoys — found to be all sound and put down in the Choultry, and two Sentinels posted over them — this Witness then went with the other peon and gullar to look out for a place for themselves — and came not near the

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Money again until the guard had been called up the next morning - and all the gunnys laden on the bullocks - The Jemidar called for the gullar at that time - and this witness from curosity followed him to learn what was the matter; he found the Bullocks surrounded by the guard as usual, and heard that one of the Bullock men had told the Jemidar when putting the last gunny on the Bullock that it was torn, on which account the Jemidar had called for the gullar - the bag was taken off the bullock and the contents of the torn one examined; they were found to be four bags of Pagodas and one of Rupees - the Jemidar then demanded of each Bullock Owner how many bags he had in his Charge - and the total of their report was 105 Bags, or one less than the proper Number - the owner of the torn gunny then proposed that the other side of it should be examined; Six bags of Pagodas were found there, and the Bullock men made another Calculation of the bags in their Charge, the result of which was 106 -

or

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on which the Jemidar said that all was right and ordered the guard to march - The Gullar observed that he had better - look well before he marched - The witness explained the words - look well thus, that as a gunny had been found torn - he had better ascertain to a certainty by examining all the gunnys that none of the Money had been lost, before he marched The Jemidar replied that he had already taken an account from the Bullock Men, by which it appeared that no Money was lost - that they would see the money counted when they went further on - and at any rate the Havildar - Naigues and Sepoys who had the guard were answerable for any thing that might be found amiss. after this the guard moved on -

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When the bag of Pagodas was missed at the Treasury, this witness, the other peon and Gullar were employed in examining the Seals and delivering over the Cash - and he heard, but indistinctly - that one Sepoy had

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mentioned that one of the Sentinels who had been over the gunnys during the night had been found sitting down - and that the Jemidar had sent off some Men to examine the Sepoys and Peons Knapsacks in Chintadreepett - and to search the Moottingam Choultry he has heard the Sepoys name and knows the man, but - knows nothing of his Character in the Corps.

37 The witness is not acquainted with any of the Bullock Men: has heard that they reside in the Ramnad Country, but had not seen them before they came on this Service.

38 Shaik Ibraim, the other peon who accompanied the Shroff - stated that he saw the Jemidar and Non Commissioned Officers examine the Gunny Bags - the evening that the guard halted at the Moottingam Choultry, when they were all found to be sound and in good order - He was out of the way the next morning

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morning when the gunny was reported to be torn – and was not present at the examination which took place of its contents.

39 Bawah Rowsten Subbie one of the Bullock Owners, being called said at once and of his own accord, that he was the man who had taken charge of 60 Bags of Money at Ramnad – and brought them all safe and delivered them to the Gentlemen here without any accident or loss; after promising his care and good fortune, I asked him to explain by whose inattention, or fault – a bag of Pagodas had been lost out of one of the gunnys belonging to the other Bullock Man – He began with the account of Counting out the Bags at Ramnad and their being packed up in the gunnys, in presence of the guard – and gave a history of their march and the passing of every nulla. In all which no neglect of duty appeared.

40 When they arrived at the Mootlingan Choultry the Jemidar first looked out

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out for the most secure place and then caused the gunnys to be taken of the Bullocks and examined them one by one - by the assistance of the Havildars, Naigues and Sepoys - and found them all in good order - after which the Bullock men retired with their Cattle and came not near the gunnys again until called upon to put them on the Bullocks - the next morning - his description of that work corresponds exactly with the account already given by Shaik Ibraim - The Bags were first put upon this Bawah Rowsteins seven Bullocks - and then Bawah Saib - a relative of his assisted Chinnee Mahomed in bringing out the Six bags and putting them on his Bullocks - It was the last gunny of the whole that was cut - and that was discovered as it was put on the Bullock - Chinnee Mahomed said it was torn, but this man saw at once that it had been cut and said so to the Jemidar - reminding him at the same time that the gunnys were all safe the preceding morning when they were taken of the Bullocks - and

now

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now one was found to have been cut, he must acquit the Bullock Men of all Concern in it.—

41 That gunny was examined, and 11 bags were found in it—the Jemidar took account of the Bags on the several Bullocks—from the Owners—This man said he was answerable for 60 Bags and Chinnee Mahomed said that he ought to have 46—but to make them up there ought to be 12 bags in the gunny which had been cut—and there were only 11—the Jemidar replied that if there was any deficiency Chinnee Mahomed must make it up; and after examining the Choultry—and the little space between it and the Bullocks he ordered the party to move on.—

42.— Rangah Rawze Sepoy states that he was posted over the gunny bags—at 12 oClock, by the Naigue who counted them over—and found thirteen, but could not examine them particularly—on account of the darkness—The

other

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Shaw Sentinel who mounted with this man was Shaik Ibraim — they were Sentinels when the gunnys were taken out to be put on the Bullocks and remained on their post until the last gunny was taken away and accompanied it — The Bullock Men carried out the bags — and were attended by Sepoys.

4.3 Shaik Ibraim Sepoy — was one of the two Sentinels posted over the gunnys — at 12 o Clock at night; The Naique who posted them counted over the gunnys to the Sentinels — there were thirteen of them but no one could see whether any accident had happened to them or no — These men were only a short time posted when the Jemidar called up the guard, and caused the gunnys to be put on the Bullocks, the Sentinels remained till the last was taken away and accompanied it — after it had been put on the Bullock one of the Drivers discovered a hole in it — and after disputing among themselves — who should report the sad Story to

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the Jemidar – the owner of the bullock did it in a low tone of Voice –

44.

Ryapah Sepoy – being called in said that he was born in St. Thomé – and went to the Ramnad Country with the Nabobs Army; that he is a pariah – and is distinguished by the title Curraiar – which denotes a tribe of people, some of whom employ asses in the transportation of Salt – grain and other articles of Merchandize – others are thieves and Robbers in the Jungles and some dance at Festivals or Shews – his family were dancers – and his fathers name Deevaw – he did not know any distinguishing name of his house – his Aunt by the Fathers side is now living in St. Thomé by name Toommattah, She is a Widow of one Doming – and lives in the Pariah Quarter of the Town – She has two Sons living – the name of one is neecla – a Cook to some Gentleman; the other is in the house with his mother – this Witness does not know his name – He was here about two Months ago on leave, and saw those relations

relations at that time, he has not seen them on this occasion.—

4.5 . He acknowledges that he was posted Sentinel with Shaik Ibraim over the money at 10 o'Clock at night at the Mootlingarr Choultry. that the Havildar and both Sentinels Counted the number of bags, but examined them no further on account of the darkness — He also acknowledged that he had sat down near the Money — Contrary to orders — but alledged in excuse that he had so little room that he was obliged to stand still and his legs became tired — which induced him to sit down — he said that he had sat from half a gunny to a gunny & time, before the other Sentinel called to him — he did not hear the two first times which Shaik Ibraim says he called him, but when he answered, Shaik Ibraim had called very loud and in an angry tone of Voice — Mutinnee the Sentinel within the door was farther from him than Shaik — Ibraim — he acknowledged to be possessed of

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a Cherootta - with a knife in it - but had left it in his Knapsack to day.

46 The Naique who relieved him Counted the bags and found no fault with them - he was therefore exonerated from all blame - had the Cut in the gunny been discovered before he was relieved, he must have stood to the Consequence; but as matters are, he thinks himself quite free from blame - and out of danger of Punishment.

47 This man here added - and desired that it might be written down, that the Money was first put into 12 Gunnys; some of them being found too heavy the Money was repacked into thirteen gunnys by the Shroff Gullar and Peons - the guard Standing round - at another place, the white ants had got into a gunny - and in shaking them out some Pagodas and Rupees fell out also - on which that gunny was opened the Money replaced in the bags - and they were resealed: and the gunny well sewed again

again — The gunnys were also taken off the Bul-
-locks and Carried on the Drivers heads over —
several rivers — but the Sepoys were always near
them —

48 Several of the men had told
this Story before — but as it appeared to have no
Connection with the loss of the bag of Pagodas Idid
not note it down —

49 Ryapah offered it as a proof
that the Money might have been lost before it came
to the Moottingan Choultry —

2d June 1807 50 Shaik Homed Sepoy — Stated
that Tirwoor Sepoy and he were Sentinels over
the Money from 4 o Clock to 6 on the evening of
the 25th May — that the Jemidar and Havildar —
came — in the evening — and turned over all the
gunnys and found them in good order; when the
Jemidar went away — and the Havildar — and
the Havildar called Mootto Coone and Amar
Khan for the relief —

51 Amar Khan had not finished
his

his dinner when called upon to mount Sentinel over the Money, and left a part of it out side the Choultry - he applied to this Witness after he had eaten his dinner and returned in the presence of the Havildar, to take his place for a while he finished his dinner - the Havildar said nothing for or against the proposition - and this Witness therefore took Omar Khan's place for a while - during that time the Naique relieved the Sentinels - and no objection was made by him to this witness being there - the Havildar of the guard was also present at the time. -

52 Tiruvorie / properly Venkata- =chelum, stated that he was Sentinel with Shaik Homed over the Money from 4 to 6 o'clock on the evening of the 25th May - during which time the Jemidar and Havildar came and counted and examined the Gunnys - and found them all right. -

53 Moota Coorie Sepoy - stated that he and Omar Khan were posted Sentinels

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Sentinels over the Money at Sun Set on the 25th Instant.—

54. Shaik Homed who was releived by these two went out for some time and eat his Dinner as this Witness supposes; and returning to the Choultry proposed Standing Sentinel for Omar Khan while he should eat his Dinner— Omar Khan Consented; then brought his Victuals into the Choultry and near to his post; and Shaik Homed who had taken his place said he should have eaten them out side; and a short time afterwards the Naigue of the guard relieved this Sentinel.—

55 When Shaik Homed proposed to Omer Khan to go and eat his Victuals the Havildar was in the Choultry— but whether he heard what passed between them, this Sentinel dont know— he was near the parties but said nothing.—

56 He acknowledged that he had orders to be very attentive, and not to allow

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any person to come near the Money but the Naigue — Shaik Homed being one of the guard and last relieved he did not imagine there was any harm in permitting him to relieve Omar Khan for a while. He neither reported it to the Havildar or to the Naigue of the guard —

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Mahomed Coolie Beg

Havildar being again called in — declared that he remained outside of the Choultry on the 25th Instant — from the time that he posted the Sentinels at Sun Set until 8 o'Clock and did not see Shaik Homed take Omar Khan's place over the Gunnys, neither did — either of those men — or Mooto Coonie the other Sentinel ever report the Circumstance to him —

58

Goroo Moortie the Shroff — stated that he was present when the Gunnys were taken off the Bullocks — on the morning of the 25th Ultimo — that they were particularly examined by the Jemidar and others — He came not near them again — until the Gullar called him the next

morning

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morning to attend the examination of a bag which had been found Cut - and he knows nothing of the Care which had been taken of the Gunny's in the mean time —

59 He had no account of the distribution of the bags of Money into thirteen Gunnys - and could not say any thing on the subject - when the Bullock men gave an account to the Jemidar of the numbers which each of them had, and thereby induced him to proceed without examining the whole of the Gunnys. —

60 He heard the Bullock Man Chinnee Mahomed tell the Jemidar that he ought to have 46 Bags and to make them up there there should be 12 in the Gunny which was cut - instead of which there were only 11 - and proposed examining the remainder of his Gunnys - Notwithstanding this, the Jemidar moved on, saying he would examine them at the next Choultry - he did not even do that, but moved on at once to the Fort — where he discovered his

error

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error. —

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He heard the Bullock man say twice that he ought to have 12 Bags in the Cut gunny - to make up his 46 - and propose an examination of all his other gunnys. —

Fort St. George
2d June 1807

(Signed) R. Barclay
Town Major

Ordered that the following Letter be dispatched to the Town Major —

To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

To the Town Major - approves his Proceedings - desires that part of the Escort from Rammad may be brought to trial for neglect of duty, and the Remainder returned to their Corps - also that he will apprize the Commanding Officer of the Circumstance, in order that measures may still be adopted for discovering the perpetrator of the theft -

Para 1

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d Instant, and to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council regrets that your investigation has not proved successful in tracing the late theft. —

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His Lordship in Council however approves the mode in which you conducted the enquiry; and desires that such persons

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persons of the guard as may appear to have been guilty of any material irregularity may be brought to trial.—

3 His Lordship in Council desires that the remainder of the guard (such at least as may not be required as Witnesses) with the other persons who attended the Escort may be permitted to return to Ramnad.—It being improbable however that so large a Sum as that which has been recently purloined can be kept in Concealment, His Lordship in Council has great hope that the Commanding Officer of the Battalion may be enabled by the adoption of due precaution, to detect the perpetrator of the Robbery, and you will apprize Colonel Martin of the Circumstances which have occurred in order that he may take such further Steps as the nature of the case may require.—

4 His Lordship in Council will give orders for observing in future a more secure

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Secure mode in the conveyance of Public Treasure.—

Fort St. George
6th June 1807

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
/Signed/ G. Buchan
Chief Secy to Government

Order thereon.—

Ordered that the following Letter be dispatched to the Military Board, agreeably to a Resolution of the Board, recorded in the Revenue Department.—

To the President and Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

To the Military Board. Furnishing them with papers received from the Board of Revenue relative to the Contract lately concluded by the sub Collector at Trichinopoly for the purchase of Grain draws their attention to that part of the correspondence which respects the delivery of Grain at the Public stores. Desires that the supposed abuses may be

Para 1st

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose for your information and guidance the Copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Revenue with its enclosures relative to the Contract lately concluded by the Sub Collector at Trichinopoly for the supply of Grain at that Station.—

2. His Lordship in Council deems it

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carefully investigated and the grounds on which it has been stated that a loss of 15 per Cent is sustained in the delivery of Grain —

it material to draw your particular attention to that part of the enclosed Correspondence which relates to the delivery of Grain at the Public Stores, as there appears reason to apprehend the existence of some serious abuse —

3 His Lordship in Council desires that this subject may be investigated with particular care, in order that you may ascertain and report for His Lordships information the grounds on which it has been stated that so extravagant a loss as 15 per Cent, is sustained in the delivery of Grain —

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
7th June 1807

Sir
Your
Most
Obedient
Humble Servant
/Signed/ G. Buchan
Chief Secy to Government

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer in the Ceded Districts —

To

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To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the officer Commanding the Ceded Districts. Requests to know the number of Armed Peons belonging to the Polleers &c which it will be proper to admit into Fort, and submits the correspondence which has lead to the question.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government an application from the Zillah Judge of Bellary to the Officer Commanding there for the admission of his Peons into that Garrison at pleasure with Lieutenant Colonel Martins' Letter to me accompanying it, and one from the Fort Adjutant.

Soon after I went in charge of the Ceded Districts above Six years past, I found those extensive Countries Swarming with thousands of Peons out of employ; of course discontented and ready to join any rebellious adventurer who paid them, and their intentions / since discovered / to Seize Bellary, Gooty and other places, have clearly evinced the necessity of the precautions I then directed to be used at the Gates of those places.

To

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To prevent the possibility of any further application on the part of the Zillah Judge I request that Government will be pleased to direct what number of armed attendants he is to be allowed to take into fortified places, which will be punctually complied with.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Dugd Campbell
Major General

Madras June 2d
1807

To Colonel Marten
or Officer Commanding the Garrison of
Bellary

Sir,

The Sibbundy Peons attached to this Court, who are now over part of the Prisoners that are unavoidably confined in a common Mud house in the Fort, having complained that after having gone on a particular duty, they are prevented from returning again into the Fort with

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with their Arms - I request you will be pleased to remove this obstacle, for without them, they cannot be made answerable for their Security, they being over a very desperate Set of people, mostly composed of Beders that are disposed to take every opportunity of making their escape, but as this may arise from the Gate Sentries being doubtful as to whom they may belong, that is, whether they are the Servants of the Honorable Company or Common Travellers, I will in order to remove every suspicion of that kind give to each Peon a Slip of paper Certifying that he is a Servant attached to the Court.

As it may some times happen that Peons attending Me may have their arm, about them, I hope you will also be so obliging as to give similar orders on that head - for in the event of a Peon having his Arms taken from him while with me, it would be by the inhabitants considered a disrespect towards my

Situation

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Situation as Judge and Magistrate in the zillah of Bellary, which I should suppose every Commanding Officer would be anxious if in his power to prevent, the disrespect would be the more particular, if the Inhabitants see armed Sepoys in attendance on Military Officers that are not on any duty, and they cannot, nor indeed can I make any distinction in an armed Peon attending a Civil Officer, as surely they are both equally the Servants of the Honorable Company, and in the Mother Country respect and attention towards the Civil Magistrate is assiduously as well as politically exacted from all parties.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Signed P. Bruce

Judge & Magistrate

To

Zillah Court of
Bellary 9th May
1807

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To Peter P. Bruce Esqre

Zillah Judge of the Western Division
of the Ceded Districts.

Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Commanding Bellary to inform you in answer of your Letter to him of the 4th Instant that he cannot give over to your authority any guard in the Fort, as he is the person answerable for the regularity of the garrison, and if any unforeseen Circumstance was to occur, he is the person that would be called upon and not the Magistrate.

However that there may be no delay, whatever in transacting the business of the Zillah Court the non Commissioned Officer of the guard in question has been directed to deliver over to one of your Peons any prisoner therein confined who you may require for the purpose of taking his deposition, but in cases of confining and discharging, it is necessary, as you usually

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did, when Major General Campbell commanded in Person, notify by letter the same to the Public Staff Officer, not only for the information of the Officer Commanding, but that also of the Captain on duty, who has the immediate charge and under whose directions are the whole of the Military Guards, both in and out side of the Fort.—

Bellary
7th March 1807

(Signed) J. Hall
Fort Adjutant of
Bellary

Extract of a Letter from the Fort Adjutant of Bellary—

"As for the part of Mr. Bruce's
"Letter regarding his peons over the Thieves being
"stopped, he alludes to the reliefs when they come,
"they are of course stopped untill they receive an
"order to let them in, but those guarding the Thieves
"are never stopped they go in and out fifty times in
"a day.—

True Extract
(Signed) Dug.d Campbell
Major General

To

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To Major General Campbell
Commanding the
Ceded Districts

Sir

I have the honor to forward you a Letter addressed to me by the Judge and Magistrate of the Zillah of Bellary.—

With regard to the first — Paragraph of that Letter I have to observe that upon the most particular investigation of the circumstance alluded to, I cannot learn that the smallest interruption has been at any period offered by any part of this Garrison either under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Flower or that of myself, to the Peons attached to the Zillah Court either in the execution of that duty specified by Mr. Bruce which they had to perform, or upon any other occasion of whatever nature in the intercourse which necessarily happens between the Peons and the Troops of the Station.— Respecting the Second —

Paragraph

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Paragraph I have to remark that on ordinary occasions of amuse-
ment or pleasure when the Judge comes into the Fort that the
very extensive retinue which accompanies him has frequently
excited the attention and comment of both Europeans and
Natives, and the former expressing whether under the existing
standing orders of the Station, which direct that armed Peons
are not to be admitted without particular permission, that
this armed retinue should be permitted to pass the Gates
without an immediate communication with the Commanding
Officer, has induced Mr. Bruce to apply to me that his Peons
attending him, may on all occasions be permitted to pass
without any apprehension of being molested.—

On a similar application being made by him to
Lieutenant Colonel Floyer Sunderland that he was acquainted
it would be time enough to issue orders upon the occasion when
he received interruption, but that previous to that period it would
be unnecessary.—

As the Judges retinue on recent occasions when he
has come into the Fort on ordinary occurrences has consisted of
thirty eight or forty armed Peons, and as his application is so
nature to give this power to him as an established priviledge
I have deemed it necessary to acquaint him that I should refer
the point to your decision, and I have to request you will
honor me with instructions on the same.—

Bellary 10th May 1807

[Signed] Geo: Martin
Lieut.t Col.o Commanding
Bellary

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be furnished to the Medical Department.—

W Petrie

" Munro

" Wallace

" Oakes

"

Ed Strange

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Fort St. George 1st June 1807

Diary

Received the following letter

from

George Strachey Esqre

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

No

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant

2. transmitting a request that Mr. Macpherson thereon allowed to have been delivered over by the Zillah Judge of the Southern Division of Malabar to the Military Authority in that Province.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Servant

Fort St. George

1st May 1807

J. Cumine Lt. Macaulay

Secretary

Received the following letter

enclosing Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

From Lieutenant Colonel

Open with Statement of account of money over

remitted

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Account of the Presidency of Bombay, and —
Ceylon Government, for may 1807.

From Mr. Taylor — with his Bond regularly executed.

From the Paymaster and Garrison Storekeeper at Vizagapatam.

From Lieutenant Colonel Lang — with List of Prisoners sent from Vellore to the Presidency.

From the Officer commanding at Vellore.

The 8th Received and sent the following letters entered in Mr. Secretary Mr. Taylor.

From Mr. Calvert — signifying that the Contre Amatre may proceed with her to Manillas.

From the Supercargo of the Spanish Ship St. Raphael.

To the Military Auditor General — To the Military Auditor General. To authorize payment of Bills and advances of money recommended by the Board.

To the Town Major — To the Town Major of Fort Saint George with copy of letter from the Supercargo of the Spanish Ship St. Raphael, and complying with the request therein.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

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

Commander in Chief

William Petrie
and
Thomas Oakes
} Esqrs.

Tuesday the 9th. June 1807

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The President records the

following Minutes

The President at Tanjore

having expressed to me a wish that Captain

Butler who lately commanded the Tanjore Provincial Battalion should be appointed to

command his Escort, I propose that Captain

Butler be appointed to that duty.

This Officers long and

meritorious

President's Minute recommends Capt. Butler of the Invalid Establishment to command the Escort of the Residential Tanjore.

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meritorious services give him a strong claim
to consideration: his intimate knowledge of the
local circumstances of Tanjore peculiarly qual-
-ify him for a command, which is necessarily
connected with frequent intercourse with the
Rajah and the persons of his Court, and as
Captain Butler is on the Invalid establish-
-ment his appointment to this charge will
leave an effective Officer at liberty to attend to
the more active duties of his Corps.

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6th June 1807

I have &c.
Signed W. Bentinck

Order thereon.

Resolved that Captain
Butler be appointed to command the Escort
of the Resident at Tanjore in conformity to the
recommendation of the President.

The Commander in Chief
records the following Minutes.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to lay
before Government an application from Cap-
-tain

Commander in Chiefs
Minute - Recommends
that Captain Forbes
of the 13th Regiment
Native Infantry and
Colonel Hare

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Letter of His Majesty's 22d Dragoons be permitted to draw Indian Allowances from their arrival on Ceylon & that Majr Mentaine Landbirt of His Majesty's 65th Regt be permitted to draw his Pay and Allowances at this Presidency—

Captain Frith of the 5th Native Infantry to be authorized to receive his Pay and Allowances from the Date of his arrival from England at the Island of Ceylon.

Captain Frith represents, that with permission of the Honorable Court of Directors he took his Passage in the Earl Spencer bound to Bombay, and arrived at Ceylon on the 5th of April, and that he was obliged to hire a Vessel at a considerable expence to carry himself and Family from thence to Madras— Captain Frith further states that the Indulgence* which he now solicits, was granted to an Officer of the same Rank on this Establishment who came out in the same Ship with him, and was in every Respect similarly situated with himself, and he begs leave to add that he has returned to his Duty much within the limits of his Furlough and was only ten months altogether in Europe.

* Vide Resolution of Council in the Public Dept under date the 28th of April 1807

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6th June 1807

(Signed) W. Bentinck

Order thereon.

Resolved that Captain Butler be appointed to command the Escort of the Resident at Tanjore in conformity to the recommendation of the President.

The Commander in Chief records the following Minutes.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

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I have the honor to lay before Government an application from Captain

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(X) Vide Resolution of Council in the Public Dept. under date the 8th of April 1807

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If Captain Lushington of the 4th Native Cavalry to whom I should suppose Captain Smith's allowances has been authorized to draw his allowances from the date of the Earl of Spencer's arrival at Ceylon, the application now before the Board cannot be considered unreasonable, and as there appears to be no distinction whatever in the case of both Officers, I strongly recommend that the Indulgence granted to Captain Lushington be also extended to Captain Smith.

2 The application I know submit from Colonel Hall of His Majesty's 22nd Light Dragoons is of much the same nature as that forwarded by Captain Smith's to be permitted to draw his allowances from the Date of his arrival at Ceylon, and I should suppose that the same Determination will apply to both Cases. The Pensions given by the Supreme Government in their granting to Lieu William Hall and Lieutenant Colonel

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Colonel Nicolson their Indian allowances

from the period of their arrival at Prince

of Wales's Island would seem favorable to the

applications now before the Board

I have also the honor'd

to submit a letter from Major Mentalambert

of His Majesty's 65th Regiment belong-

ing to the Staff of this Presidency

Major Mentalambert's

Regiment is on the Bombay Establishment

and he solicits permission to draw his Regi-

mental Pay and allowances at this

Presidency for such time as he may be

detained here on his staff Duties — I beg

leave to Recommend that this Indulgence

be granted and the Pay &c. &c. issued to

Major Mentalambert on account of the

65th Regiment, charged against the Government

of Bombay

Fort St. George
9th June 1807

I have &c.
(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

To

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Fort St. George 9th June 1807

To Lieutenant Colonel Maynell

Secretary to His Excellency the

Commander in Chief

Sir

I beg leave to state to
you for the information of the commander
in chief the following circumstances

I arrived at Colombo on
the 5th Ultimo on my return from Europe
reported my arrival to the Adjutant
General of the Army The Earl Spencer to
Indiaman on which I took my passage
from Europe with permission of the Hon
-orable Court of Directors not being
bound to Madras but direct to Bombay
it therefore became necessary that I should hire
a small Vessel to convey myself and family
to Madras which I accordingly did at a
very considerable expense and arrived at
this Presidency on the 11th Instant when
on application to the Offices of the Military
Auditor

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Auditor General I was informed that my
Pay and allowances were directed by Govern-
-ment to commence from that date / the
11th Instant / at this and Offices on the same
Rank and Establishment who came out
in the same Ship with me from Europe
and whose absence from his duty had
been double or three times that of mine
was authorized to receive his Indian
allowances from the date of his arrival
at Columbo — In addition to the above
I have to state that Lieutenant Colonel
Capper, Captain Hoke, Dr David Ogilby
and many other Officers recently arrived
from Europe at other Presidencies have
been permitted by Government to draw Pay
and allowances from the date of their
arrival at those Presidencies all of
which are more remote from Madras
than the Island of Ceylon — under these
circumstances and that of my having re-

turned

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returned to my duty nearly one year
previous to the expiration of my Furlough
and being little more than ten months in
Europe Must the commander in Chief
will see the Justice of my claims to that
and allowances
Arrived at Columbo, and that His Excy
Excellency will be pleased to make a
favourable representation of it to Govt
Government.

In further support of
my claims I beg permission to state that
I applied to the Court of Directors at the
India House for the
Regarding my pay and allowances from
the date of my arrival at Madras and
Evidences that some Officers had received
but was assured personally that I was entitled
necessary.

Madras
24th May 1807

I have the
Captain 19th Regiment
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Reynell

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have the honor to re-
quest, you will have the goodness to sub-
mit to the consideration of the Commander
in Chief, Viz. whether I am not entitled to
drawing Indian Pay and allowances from
the date of my landing in Ceylon.

I consider myself in every
respect precisely under similar circumstan-
ces with Captain Lushington of the Compa-
ny's Service with this addition that I
had the honor to report my arrival at
Ceylon.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Hart

Lieut.t Colonel

22.nd Dragoons

Lieutenant

Madras

9th June 1807

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Lieutenant Colonel Reynell

Military Secretary

&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to request you will move for me His Excellency the Commander in Chief's permission to draw at this Presidency on account of the Bombay Government my Pay and Allowances as Major of His Majesty's 65th Regiment.

It is an indulgence which, I find has been granted in cases similar to the one I now find myself in.

I have &c &c &c

Fort St. George
1st June 1807

J. Grimes Mc. Montgomerie
Major 65th Regiment

Resolutions thereon.

Resolved that Captains Smith of the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry and Colonel Hare of His Majesty's 22nd Regiment of Light Dragoons be permitted

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permitted to draw their Indian allowances from the date of their arrival on Ceylon in consideration of a similar indulgence having been granted by the Honorable Court of Directors to Captain Lushington of the Native Cavalry who embarked for India on the same Ship with those Officers

Resolved that Major Frontalembert of His Majesty's 65th Regiment be permitted to draw his Pay and allowances at this Presidency, and that the Amount be debited to the account of the Government at Bombay

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to lay before Government a letter from Captain Otto Acting General Agent for Cavalry supplies, forwarding a letter with several Documents from Lieutenant Simpson of the 5th Native Cavalry, upon the

Commander in Chief's Minute Recommends that Lieutenant Simpson of the 5th Regt Native Cavalry be permitted to draw his allowances as Assistant Agent for Cavalry Supplies until his arrival in charge of that Office at Bellary that a small Establishment be retained by the Commanding Officer at that Station, and

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and that some allowance for a Mortar and Stationary should be granted to the Officer Commanding the Artillery at Hyderabad.

the subject of a Retrenchment against his accounts for a period that he acted in Capacity of Assistant General Agent for Cavalry supplies to the Poonah Subsidiary Force.

This Period happens to be subsequent to the Orders of Government by which under the supposition of an immediate Reduction of the Cavalry attached to the Poonah Subsidiary Force, directed a discontinuance of the Office held by Lieutenant Sampson. But the orders which were transmitted to Colonel Wallace as stated in Letter marked No 4 from the Supreme Government having induced that Officer to suspend the Return of the 5th and 7th Regiments of Cavalry to the Fort Saint George Territory he was necessitated to authorize a further continuance of the Office held by Lieutenant Sampson in order to provide for their supplies.

To this order of this Government upon which the Retrenchment

in

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in Question has been made by the Military Auditor General, was issued with a view to the Diminution of the Cavalry in the Poonah Subsidiary Force which was then expected to take place, but which the subsequent communication from the Supreme Government prevented Colonel Wallace from carrying into execution, I beg leave to recommend that Authority be given to the Military Auditor General for commuting from Lieutenant Sampson's Abstracts upon Pleasure.

I have also to submit a letter from Lieutenant Ardagh of the 14th Native Infantry commanding the Post of Hulliah— soliciting that the Interpreter and three of the Sirdar Havaldar's which were directed by letter from the Office of the Military Auditor General to be discharged from the Establishment of that Garrison, should be continued.

These

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There appears to be much reason in Lieutenant Ardagh's statement of the necessity he conceives there is for retaining in so remote a station upon the Borders of the Mahratta states, some sort of Establishment for obtaining information, and a carrying on Communication with the Natives, but at the present moment of Reduction and Oeconomy it must remain with the Board to decide how far Lieutenant Ardagh's application is worthy of consideration.

The original Establishment consisted of one Interpreter and Six Hircarrahs. Lieutenant Ardagh represents the Interpreter and three of the Hircarrahs to be absolutely necessary for the Service of the Garrison.

3 I have also to lay before Government a letter from the Officer commanding the Artillery forwarding an application from Major Frees commanding the Detachment of Artillery at Hyderabad, to remove some

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some Allowance for Stationary, in order to
meet the Expence which he is necessitated
to incur in making out the prescribed
Returns and Reports of his Detachment
— a list of which is enclosed in his letter.

Colonel Bell supports
the present application and further rec-
commends for consideration the propriety
of Brigade Allowance being extended to the
Officer in Command of the Detachment of
Artillery attached to the Hyderabad Subsidi-
ary Force. He states that it is the only
fixed situation of command on service for
a Field Officer of Artillery, and that in
similar cases Brigadiers Allowances have
been granted.

At this time of general
proposed Reduction, I could not feel justified
in recommending to Government Colonel
Bell's suggestion; but I think that some
Allowance for a Writer and Stationary
should

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Should be made to the Officer Commanding
the Artillery at Hyderabad

Fort St. George
9th June 1807

/Signed/ J. F. Braddock
Lieutenant General

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the
Commander in Chief

Sir,

I have the honor to make
a request that you will submit to the Inspec-
tion of His Excellency the commander in Chief
the accompanying letter and Documents
transmitted to me by Lieutenant Sampson Fos-
ter merly acting Assistant General Agent for
Cavalry Supplies with a request that I
would take the regular means for laying
them, with the approbation of His Excellency,
before the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council

Madras
2d June 1807

/Signed/ Hon Bayer Otto
Actg General Agent Ordnance,
&c

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To Captain R. Bayer &c &c

Acting General Agent for Cavalry
Supplies.

Sir

I have had the honor to
receive your letter covering one for the Office
of the Military Auditor General in reply to
my application to be relieved from the Ar-
rangement now pending against me; and
agreeable to the instructions contained therein
I have to request you will do me the favor to
submit my explanation through the usual
forms in order that they may come before the
Right Honorable the Governor in Council

My being appointed to
act in the situation of Assistant General Agent
did not I believe ever receive the public
sanction of Government, at least it never was
seen in any Orders by me - the authority
under which I took charge of the Depart-
ment will appear by the accompanying
Extracts

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Extracts from the Orders which were issued in Camp on the subject.

Madras

2nd June 1807

(Signed) F. D. Sampson

Lieutenant 5th Regiment Cy

Extract from Gn Orders by Colonel Hartley Commanding a Detachment dated Jannuary 16th March 1805.

"In consequence of the intended seperation of the Corps from the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force Lieutenant Colonel Coleman will be pleased to appoint an Officer "to relieve Lieutenant Smith of the 6th Regiment "of Cavalry in the duties of the acting Assistant "General Agent for Cavalry supplies.

(Signed) T. Conway

A. G. & T.

Detach Ors by Colonel Coleman.

"Lieutenant and Assistant "Sampson of the 5th Regiment Cavalry is appointed to act as Assistant General Agent "for "Cavalry supplies in room of Lieutenant Smith

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Smith who will be pleased to deliver over to
him the accounts of the department with as
little delay as possible.

[Signed] C. Schuyler

B. M.

Captain R. B. Otto

Acting General Agent for Cavalry

Supplies

Sir

The Military Auditor
General has received your letter of the 21st
Instant in reply to which I have the honor
to state for Lieutenant Sampson's information
that agreeably to a resolution of Council
bearing date 9th April 1805, the appointment
of Acting General Agent for Cavalry supplies
at Poonah was conceived to have been abo-
lished from that date, but as the commu-
nication could not have been received
at Poonah until nearly the end of that
month, the allowances &c. of the appointment

were

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were admitted until the 30th April 1805, and
all charges subsequent thereto retrenched.

The papers transmitted by
Lieutenant Sampson appear to be of a satisfac-
tory nature regarding the continuance of the
Department, but as the orders of Government
have given no latitude to this Office by which
the Expence of the Department subsequent
to its abolition can be admitted, it is recom-
mended that Lieutenant Sampson's explana-
tion and authorities may be submitted thro'
the medium of Head Quarters for the purpose
of being sanctioned by Government.

It will also be neces-
sary that Lieutenant Sampson's appointment to act
as Assistant General Agent, and to draw
the allowances shall be (if it has not been
already) confirmed by Government, that authori-
ty being required in all cases of acting
Staff Officers.

It does not appear by
any

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any communication from Colonel Wallace or from Head Quarters to what particular date the Department is understood to have been continued.

The papers transmitted by you are herewith returned.

/Signed/ J. Prendergast
Deputy Military Audr Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
1st June 1807

A true Copy
/Signed/ R. Bayer Otto
Acting General Agent Cavalry supplies.

Extract

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Extract of Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General from the Disbursements of the late Captain Baynes General Agent for Cavalry Supplies from May to October 1806 and confirmed on Requisit.

24 There is drawn Salary and Establishment for Captain Prom-tea the Assistant General Agent for Cavalry Supplies for the month of May ..... Pd. 140..

26 D:..... D: for July ..... 140..

27 D:..... D: Pay and Batta to 6 Lascars for D: ..... 16..33..

23 There is drawn Salary and Establishment for Lieutenant Sampson Acting Assistant General Agent for Cavalry Supplies for August ..... 140..

24 D: Pay and Batta for 6 Lascars for D: ..... 16..33..

Carried Over Pd. 453 24

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Brought Over Ps. 453. 24 "

26	Thine is drawn Salary and Establishment for Lieutenant Sampson Assistant General Agent for 15 days in September 1805	70	" "
27	Do. Pay and Batta for 6 Sascans for do.	8	12 "
	Pagodas	531.	36 "

The whole of which is retrenched, -- agreeably to a resolution of Government communicated to the Military Auditor General in a Letter dated 10th April 1805, discontinuing the appointment of Assistant to the General Agent for Cavalry Supplies.

Star Pagodas ... 531. 36.

True Extract
Signed H. Hunt
General Agent Cavalry Supplies

Extract

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Extract of the Military Auditor Generals Retrenchments from the Disbursements of the late Captain Baynes General Agent Cavalry Supplies from May to July 1806.—

10 There is drawn Salary and Establishment for Captain Monteath Assistant General Agent for Cavalry Supplies for June 1805 Pags 140.— "—"

11 Do Draws Pay and Batta for 6 Lascars for do } 16.24.—

156.24.—

The whole of which is retrenched agreeably to a resolution of Government communicated to the Military Auditor General in a Letter dated 10th April 1805 discontinuing the Appointment of Asst. to the General Agent for Cavalry Supplies. 156.24.—

Star Pagodas. 156.24.—

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. Munt

Genl. Agent Cavalry Supplies

Statement

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Statement

1 The two Letters of which the accompanying (N.1 and .3) are Copies were not sent direct to me, but enclosed by Captain Baynes to Colonel Wallace with a request (No. 2) that he would give me the instructions they contained as soon as he found that the Department could be dispensed with —

2. At the time these instructions arrived no reduction of the Cavalry Force had taken place; there were three Regiments present, and in a Conversation I had with Colonel Wallace at that period, he informed me that he had received orders relative to the discharge of the Department of Assistant General Agent for Cavalry Supplies, but that he did not think proper at that time to put them in force, and on the contrary directed that I would keep the Department as compleat as possible and prepared for further service. —

Shortly

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3 Shortly after the above period the Poona force took the Field and I marched in charge of the department to Adjunta, where I deposited a quantity of Grain for the use of the force below the Ghauts. from Adjunta I returned to Ahmednuggur with the first 5th & 9th Regiments of Cavalry, furnishing them with the requisite supplies of Grain.

4th At Ahmednuggur on the 3d of July I was first put in possession of the orders relative to the discharge of the department with instructions from Colonel Wallace, relative to the mode to be adopted to accomplish the same, to the following effect.

"After retaining a sufficient number
"of Bullocks to carry Rice, at the
"rate of half a Seer per day for each
"fighting man of the 5th and 9th Regi-
"ments of Cavalry, and also a supply
"of Gram for the Horses of those Corps
"sufficient to last till their arrival

Captain

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"in the Company's Territory, the remaining
" Bullocks were to be discharged".
(This arrangement was carried into
execution on the 5th July) "With the
"abovementioned Rice and Grain I was
"to accompany the 5th and 7th Regiments
"on their march to the Carnatic and
"on my arrival in the Territory of the
"Honorable Company the remainder of
"the department was to be discharged."
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These instructions were
in every point strictly conformed to, and a
report made by me to Captain Baynes as
soon as I had finally discharged the Depart-
-ment which was on the 15th of September the
day on which the Detachment reached
Bellary, and which being the first Station
where I could deposit my overplus of Grain
and also the Gunny Bags and other public
property in my Charge.

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6th As during my march from Ahmednuggur to Bellary there was a regular issue of Rice and Grain to the Detachment, it became absolutely necessary that the 11th Establishment of Servants which had been considered as requisite for the duties of the Department should be kept up, as otherwise those duties could not have been correctly (or even possibly) performed, and it was only upon Captain Baynes receiving my final accounts that he carried the latter part of the orders of the Commander in Chief (which are conveyed in the Letters (No. 3.) from Major Hall (into execution by informing me that my further Services as acting for Captain Monteath were dispensed with.

(Signed) F. D. Sampson
Lieut.t & Quarter Master
5th Regiment Cavalry
late acting Assistant General
Agent for Cavalry Supplies

Captain

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Captain Monteath (or Officer Acting)
Assistant General Agent for Cavalry
Supplies. —

Sir,

I have the honor to forward to you a Copy of a Letter from Captain Hall, Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and in conformity thereto request you will communicate with the Officer Commanding the Regiment of Cavalry with the Poonah Force, and with Colonel Wallace, and after ascertaining the number of Bullocks which may appear necessary to be kept up, to insure a constant Supply to the Corps, that you will discharge your Establishment as soon as possible, informing me on what day they are discharged. —

"The number of Bullocks kept up by Cavalry Corps when Stationed at Hydrabad was one to each Horse, but if

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the Regiment stationed with the Poonah Force be supplied in part from any Depôt of Company's Grain / as your return for January indicates / as smaller number may be sufficient.—

"At the time of discharging your Establishment, I request you will deliver over any balance of Grain to the Quarter Master of the Regiment."

"I have also to request that you will make up your accounts to the day on which your Establishment is discharged, and forward them to me with all convenient haste."

Nundydroog
20th April 1805

/Signed/ Thomas Baynes
General Agent Cavalry
Supplies

To

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To Captain Agnew

Deputy Adjutant General to the

Poonah Subsidiary Force

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you a Copy of a Letter from Head Quarters, which I beg you will lay before Colonel Wallace or Officer Commanding.—

I have directed Captain Monteath (or whoever acts for him) to discharge his Establishment as soon as possible (provided his services can be dispensed with).—

I have requested the Commanding Officer of the Cavalry Regiment which forms a part of the Poonah Force to ascertain the number of Bullocks which it may be necessary to keep up, so as to insure a constant supply to that Corps; and I have to hope that the necessary number will be sanctioned in orders by

Colonel

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Colonel Wallace.—

Nundydroog
20th April 1805

(Signed) T. Baynes
General Agent for
Cavalry Supplies

A true Copy
(Signed) P. V. Agnew
Dpty Adjt. Genl.
Poonah Subsidiary Force

Captain Baynes
Jr. Jr.

Sir

The reduction which has taken place in the Cavalry Force at Poonah, has induced the Commander in Chief to recommend the abolition of the situation held in your Department, by Captain Monteath, which has been approved by the Governor in Council, but His Excellency is desirous that you should make the necessary arrangement with the Commanding Officer of the Cavalry Regiment, forming part of the Poonah Subsi-

diary

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Subsidiary Force for the supply of his Corps &
previous to the abolition of Captain Monteaths
Office appearing in orders."

"Sir John Cradock therefore
requests that you will be so good as to take
such measures as you may Judge proper to
accomplish these objects, communicating to
Captain Monteath / or the person acting for him /
as soon as his assistance can be dispensed with,
that his services are no longer necessary, and
reporting to the Commander in Chief the period
on which Captain Monteath was struck off
the list of your Department.

/Signed/ T. M. Hall
Military Secretary

A true Copy
/Signed/ T. Baynes
General Agent
Cavalry Supplies

Extract

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
16th April 1805

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Extract of a Letter from Colonel Wallace to Sir John Cradock dated Ahmednuggur 30th April 1805.

"You will perceive that in consequence of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor Generals Orders I have been directed to suspend the return of the Extra Madras Corps to the Fort Saint George Territory; I shall therefore delay the relief of the 5th and 7th Regiments of Cavalry by the 1st Regiment.

"I have to day through Captain Baynes, General Agent for Cavalry Supplies received a Copy of Major Halls Letter to him under date the 16th of April, containing your directions for the abolition of Captain Monteaths appointment as Assistant to Capt. Baynes, and for the reduction of the present Establishment of Cattle for the Carriage of Gram for the Cavalry with this Force." — As your Excellency directed this arrangement with a view to the diminution which was to have

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taken place in the number of Cavalry under my Command I hope for your sanction in deferring its execution until such reduction does occur, when it shall be carried into effect."—

A true Extract

(Signed) P. V. Agnew

D. A. G.

To Captain Baynes

&c. &c.

Sir,

"I have received and submitted to Colonel Wallace your Letter of the 20th April, with its several enclosures regarding the reduction of the present Establishment of Bullocks for the Carriage of Grain for the use of the Cavalry Regiments with the Poonah Subsidiary Force and the abolition of Captain Monteaths appointment."—

I am directed in answer to it, to say that as these measures were ordered by His Excellency the Commander in Chief in view

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to a reduction of the Cavalry force now under Colonel Wallace's command, which diminution having in consequence of orders received from Bengal been postponed, he also thinks it necessary to delay the arrangement detailed in your Letter — On this subject he yesterday wrote to Sir John Cradock."

(Signed) P. V. Agnew
Deputy Adjt. Genl.

Extract of a Letter from Major Hall, Secretary to His Excellency the Commander in Chief dated 4th May 1805.

"The reduction of Cattle ordered to take place by my Letter to Captain Baynes of the 16th Ultimo was directed in reference to the diminution of the Cavalry Force for Poonah Service, and His Excellency approves of the suspension of the orders on that Head."

A true Extract
(Signed) P. V. Agnew
D. A. G.

To

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To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the
Commander in Chief

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have received a Letter from the Military Auditor General under date the 16th Instant directing the Establishment of an Interpreter and Six Hircarrahs in this Garrison to be discharged and further directing that in case of any necessity existing for their Services, that the circumstance should be laid before His Excellency the Commander in Chief in order to his obtaining the Sanction of Government for their Continuance - I have therefore to request of you to represent to His Excellency that the situation of Hullial as a Garrison immediately on the Borders of the Mahratta Country / and that the very worst part of it, where Robberies and other depredations are

almost

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almost Daily Committing) renders it necessary
for the Officer Commanding to have some
information of what is going on about here, and
to enable him to make the Proper Report should
any liberties be taken with the Honorable
Companys Subjects or Territory - The number
of Hircarrahs now about to be discharged is
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necessary for the service of this Garrison, and hope
Government will be pleased to allow them - As
to the Interpreter it will be evident to His
Excellency that in a Country where languages
(Mahrattahs and Canarese) Strange to almost
every European are spoken without an exception -
that there should be some means of communica-
-tion with the Inhabitants as well as of explain-
-ing the Reports of the Hircarrahs - I beg leave to
lay this Statement before His Excellency not
from a Consideration of any convenience it may
be to the Officer Commanding here - but from its
being in my humble opinion absolutely necessary -

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and Conducive to the good of the Service.—

(Signed) I. P. Ardagh

Hullial 25th May 1807 Lieutenant Commandg

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To Lieutenant Colonel Reynell

Military Secretary to His Excellency

the Commander in Chief.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a letter and enclosure from Major Freese Commanding the Artillery with the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force, respecting the expence attending his Command in Writers and Stationary, which I request you to lay before His Excellency the Commander in Chief.—

The List of returns, reports and Books required by the regulations of the service herewith enclosed, will shew the fair grounds of claim to such allowance.—

Although on a former statement respecting the situation of the Officer

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Commanding the Artillery with the Subsidiary Force, His Excellency the Commander in Chief declined laying it before Government, for very forcible reasons; Yet I trust I shall stand excused by His Excellency in again bringing it to his notice.—

In the Corps of Artillery there is but one fixed situation of Command — on Service where a Field Officer of Artillery may be attached, a considerable number of Troops are employed with Officers of Superior Rank — It has in such cases been usual to allow the Officer Commanding the Artillery in Camp to draw Brigade allowance.—

By the late Augmentation of Field Officers of Artillery, and agreeably to his Excellency's desire, a Major of Artillery has been appointed, for the first time to the Command of the Artillery of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force.

The Artillery with the Force is considerable, exceeding in number that which

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on occasions obtained the aforementioned allowance:— I therefore with great deference submit to the consideration of His Excellency the situation of the Officer Commanding the Artillery with the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force; whose Command in Europeans and Natives attached, must be allowed equal in importance to a Battalion of Native Infantry, whose Commander although perhaps of Inferior Rank, and casually succeeding to the Command, enjoys superior Batta, in addition to other usual allowances of his situation, not enjoyed by Officers of Artillery.—

The hitherto limited number of Field Officers of Artillery prevented such appointment having been made before.—

Should His Excellency consider the subject deserving a reference to Government I hope it will meet his support,— in my situation it is a point of Duty to bring it before His

Excellency

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Excellency.—

St. Thomas's Mount
31st May 1807

(Signed) Robt. Bell
Colo. Commandg Artillery

To Colonel Robert Bell
Commandant of Artillery

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a List of Books kept, and Returns made Monthly from the Detachment of Artillery, under my Command; and to request you will be pleased to lay the same before His Excellency the Commander in Chief, in order that an adequate allowance may be granted, at present, the expence attending such, is borne from my Private Pay and allowances.—

Hussein Saugur
May 19th 1807

(Signed) J. W. Freese
Major Commanding
Artillery Hydrabad
Subsidiary Force

List

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List of Books kept, and Returns made Monthly from the Detachment of Artillery, stationed with the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force under the Command of Major J. W. Freese of the 1st Battalion Artillery - Hussein Saugur May 19th 1807.—

Vizt. Monthly Return Book
" Morning Report Do.
" General Orderly Do.
" Detachment Do. Do.
" present State ..... Do.
" Detachment Black Do.
" Letters received and dispatched Do.

Returns Monthly
Adjutant General of the Army
Quarter Master General of the Army
Deputy Adjutant General of the Force
Deputy Quarter Master General of the Force
Brigade Major Corps of Artillery
List of General Orders
Two Lists of Native Officers

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A present State Weekly
Report of Exercise intended for the ensuing Week
Copies of the whole of the above Returns
exclusive of a variety of Artillery communications

(Signed) J. W. Frese
Major Commanding
Artg Hyd. Subg Force

Hussain Sauguer
May 19th 1807

Orders thereon

Ordered that the papers submitted by the Commander in Chief on the part of Lieutenant Sampson of the Native Cavalry be sent in Circulation.

Resolved that the Officer Commanding at Hullial be permitted to retain an Establishment of one Interpreter and three Writers for the purposes stated in the Letter from Lieutenant Ardagh to the Military Secretary of the Commander in Chief.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be desired to state the allowance which it may be proper to grant to the Officer Commanding the Detachment of Artillery at Hydrabad

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Hydrabad for the purpose of providing himself with a Writer and Stationary—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Commander in Chief's Minute Colonel Cuppage requests leave to visit the Presidency

I submit to the Board an application from Colonel Cuppage, Commanding Nundydroog, which has been forwarded to me by the Officer Commanding the Forces in Mysore; requesting permission to visit the Presidency—

9th June 1807

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

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

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Nundydroog
1st June 1807

Resolution thereon.

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) A. Cuppage
Colo Comdg Nundydroog

Resolved and Ordered according ly.
Read the following Letter from the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief.—

George Buchan Esqre

Sir,

From the Commander in Chief's Military Secretary. Submits a representation from the 2d Member of the Medical Board.

The Commander in Chief requests that you will have the goodness to lay before Government the accompanying papers addressed to him by the Second Member of the Medical Board.—

Fort St. George
6th June 1807

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) Tho.s Reynell
Military Secretary

Order thereon—

The Commander in Chief is request=ed to return to the Second Member of the Medical Board the Papers enclosed with the foregoing

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foregoing Letter, as the manner in which they have been communicated by Doctor Gahagan is highly irregular.—

Read the following letter from Rear Admiral Sir E. Pellew.—

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

My Lord

His Majestys Ship St. Fiorinzo in proceeding to her Station in the nine degree Channel, having been recently dismasted, and obliged to bear up for this Inchorage, to refit, it is necessary to dispatch His Majestys Ship Bombay to assume that Station for the purpose of intercepting any of the Enemy's Cruizers lately sailed from the Isle of France, which may make their appearance in that quarter.—

The Bombay being wholly without

Rear Admiral Sir E. Pellew applies for a Detachment of Europeans to serve as Marines on H. M. S. Bombay

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without any Marine Force whatever, as well as otherwise very short of Complement, I have to request your Lordship in Council will be pleased to allow a party of European Troops to be embarked on board her, consisting of an Officer and Twenty five men, to be relanded hereafter upon the requisition of your Lordship.—

His Majestys Ship
Culloden Madras Roads
6th June 1807

I have the honor to be
Yr. Yr.
(Signed) Edward Pellew

Order thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be furnished to the Commander in Chief, and as the expected departure of His Majesty's 94th Regiment for Europe renders it impracticable for the Detachment requested by the Rear Admiral, to be furnished from the Garrison of Fort Saint George, Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to give orders for a Detachment of this Strength required to be furnished immediately from

His

5524 Fort St. George 9th June 1807

His Majestys 30th Regiment at Wallajahbad.—

Read the following letters from the Town Major of Fort Saint George.—

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Town Major Stats the inconvenience to which he is exposed by the arrangement lately adopted for the adjustment of his contingent Bills.

The Resolution of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council communicated to me in a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department dated 25th March last exposes me to considerable inconvenience — I therefore request you will submit the following Statement of the case, in the hope of obtaining a revision and alteration of the resolution above advanted to.—

On the 11th February I was directed to Cloth the Native Prisoners in a specified manner — and to report the Charges incurred on that account for the sanction of His Lordship in Council.—

The Clothing was furnished,

and

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His Majestys Ship
Culloden Madras Roads
16th June 1807

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Yr. Yr.
(Signed) Edward Pellew

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and the Charges reported on the 19th March but instead of their being Sanctioned for payment - I was directed on the 25th to send the Bill to the Paymaster of Extraordinaries, through which Channel payment cannot be expected in less than four Months, altho no Commission is charged on the Money advanced -

I was also directed, on the 6th March to furnish the usual articles for the Charter Party Passengers sent to England on the Indiamen then under dispatch - The articles were accordingly furnished and charged for at the rates which have been admitted and sanctioned by Government for many years but when this Bill was sent up as usual for sanction - I was directed, 25th March to send it also to the Paymaster of Extraordinaries - as a Contingent Bill, altho the Charges could not be considered as undefined in their nature or amount which Constitutes a contingent Bill, because the articles were supplied on a

Special

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Special order of Government — and Charged for at rates previously sanctioned —

In order to shew the practice on similar occasions — I take the liberty to enclose, with my Bills, Copy of a Letter from the Town Major to the Secretary to Government in the year 1801 — and of the lists of Bills therein referred to, which I am informed by the Servants in the Office were transmitted to the Office of Audit, for Adjustment, and were paid accordingly. —

I am further informed that Bills for such articles — supplied on authority, were afterwards passed in the same manner; and altho' the original Bills are not in this office, and cannot be submitted with this Letter — I trust the foregoing Statement will satisfy his Lordship in Council that no innovation is aimed at by me in this application to have the Bills passed for payment. —

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Town Majors Office
Fort St. George
18th May 1807

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town Major

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Bills with their Corresponding Vouchers amounting according to the accompanying List to Pagodas 162. 40. 9 for the usual Tin articles furnished to the Troops lately embarked, which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to be passed for payment.

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
23d October 1801

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
(Signed) M. Wilks
Town Major

List

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List of Bills for the usual Articles furnished to the Troops lately embarked.—

Fort St. George 12th October 1801 No. 1	For Ten Articles furnished to 36 Men of the Scotch Brigade embarked on board His Majestys Ship La Chiffone.....	19. 16. 32
Fort St. George 15th October 1801 No. 2	For Ten Articles furnished to 248 Men of the 51st & 80th Regiments embarked on board His Majesty's Ship La Chiffone.....	135. 53. 57
Fort St. George 17th October 1801 No. 3	For Ten Articles furnished to Two Serjeants of the Volunteer Battalion & embarked on board the Mary.....	7. 21. —
	Pagodas....	162. 40. 9

(Signed) M. Wilks
Town major

True Copy
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town major

ordered

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Order thereon — the former usage to be revised.

Ordered that the Town Major be directed to submit to the Board the Bills mentioned in the foregoing Letter and all Charges of a similar nature, in order that they may be referred to the Military Auditor General for examination and adjustment agreeably to the former usage of the service, and at the established Rates.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

Drawn the Town Major Requests authority for the payment of sums drawn on account of the pay of certain Sepoys Patients in the General Hospital, after the period of their discharge, also for the payment of the Funeral expenses of certain Native Prisoners who have died at Fort St. George

I request you will submit the following Circumstances to the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

When I came into this Office there were details in the General Hospital from several Corps in the Service, for whom I drew pay Monthly - according to the Regulations until the G: O: of the 24th March last - began to operate which directed that all absentees should be drawn for in their respective Companies and their pay

should

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should be remitted by Bills to the Stations where they might be —

Among other details, was one of four Men of the 2d Battalion 5th Regiment — in the General Hospital — about the 20th May — I received a remittance from Colonel Martin Commanding that Corps for the pay of two Sepoys for April, and on that day sent him the names of the four, — requesting another remittance for the pay of the other two — And on the 31st I received another letter informing that two men of the four named in mine of the 20th had been discharged the Service by the proceedings of a General Invaliding, Pensioning and discharging Committee — on the 31st December 1805.

As that was the first intimation received in the Office of those men having been discharged; and they had remained .. .. in the General Hospital as Sepoys — drawn for and paid by the Town Major to the 1st April — and afterwards remained under his Charge —

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I considered that their hospital charges would be expected from me, and that they might have obtained Credit as Sepoys - which they ought to be enabled to discharge; and addressed the Military Auditor General - on the 1st Instant, stating all the Circumstances - and requesting his sanction to drawing their pay for the months of April and May - previous to my dismissing them from the hospital.

Instead of such sanction - Colonel Orr has recommended that I should submit the case to Government and solicit - authority for passing the Money which has already been drawn for those men after they were discharged, as well as for the payment of the two Months now in arrear.

As no intimation was given to the office of their having been discharged - I imagine no blame can attach to it for having drawn their pay - and I intertain no doubt of his Lordship in Council admitting what has been

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been so drawn —

The arrears may be considered as a charity to them — and their Creditors — as they have no doubt lived up to nearly the — amount of it — One of them Balleamroo died on the afternoon of the 1st and his family is now loitering about the Office in hope of getting the arrear to carry them to their own village; as well as the other man who has been dismissed the hospital; I enclose Copies of the correspondence with Colonel Marlen and Colonel Orr on this subject.

I beg leave to take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that three of the Mutineers confined in the St. Thome Jumdies died in the Month of March last and one in the Month of May — I caused their bodies to be disposed of according to their respective Casts which incurred an expience, for the four men, Amounting to 7 P. 40 according

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to the accompanying Bills.

I request the orders of His Lordship in Council respecting the discharge of them — and also instructions for my guidance on any future similar occasion — because there is not time to wait for particular orders after a casualty has happened.

The Storekeeper who victuals the men might be directed to carry, or warn them.

Town Majors Office
Fort St. George
3d June 1807

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town Major

To the Officer Commanding
2d Battalion 5th Regiment

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant enclosing a Bill on the Military Paymaster General for the Pay of two Sepoys for April 1807.

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Fort St. George a. 7th June 1807

of the 2d. Battalion 5th. Regiment. In reply to which I have to inform you, that four Sepoys of the abovementioned Corps as undermentioned were left sick at the Presidency and sent to the General Hospital in May 1805 and since which period pay has been drawn for them on abstracts signed by the Town Major of Fort Saint George up to the 31st March 1807 and agreeably to the G. O. of the 24th March last. I request that a bill may be forwarded to my office for the pay of the other two Sepoys.

Bahamroo Grenadier Company
Shaik Hussain 3rd Ditto
Ramasawmy 4th Ditto
Mahomed Alie 7th Ditto

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town Major

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
20th May 1807

A true Copy
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town major

To

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To the Town Major

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 20th Instant, and in reply beg leave to inform you that Sepoys Balvamoo of the Grenadier Company, and Ramasawmy of the 4th Battalion Company, were discharged the Service, on the 31st of December 1805, by the Proceedings of the General Invaliding Committee, held in Fort Saint George — a copy of which was transmitted to the Corps, and at which period they were struck off the Rolls of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment of Native Infantry, consequently I am not enabled to draw Pay for them from that period — I beg leave at the same time to observe, that there were two more Sick absent Sepoys, discharged at the same period, of the name of Bangaroo, and Shaik

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Enom.

Bellary 25th May 1807

(Signed) George Martin
Lieut.t Col.o 2d. Battalion
5th Regiment Commandg

True Copy
(Signed) R.o Barclay
Town major

To the Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith Copy of a Letter addressed by me on the 20th ultimo to the Officer Commanding the 2d. Battalion 5th Regiment and of his answer thereto which is the first intimation received at this Office of the two Sepoys named in my letter to Colonel Martin having been discharged the Service.—

As they have continued in the General Hospital, to the present day—as Sepoys—and their Hospital charges—will be expected

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expected from me and they may have obtained Credit as Sepoys — I beg you will sanction the payment of the accompany Abstracts for their pay for the Months of April and May previous to my directing their dismissal from the hospital —

(Signed) R. P. Barclay
Town Major

Town Majors Office
Fort St. George
1st June 1807

A true Copy
(Signed) R. P. Barclay
Town Major

To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

Under the circumstances stated in your Letter of the 1st Instant, regarding the Pay of two Men (Privates 2d Battalion 5th Regiment Native Infantry) who had been discharged in December 1805, but whose pay owing to the want of the necessary information) has been continued to be drawn by you

Yearly

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nearly to the present date, it is recommended, that the case shall be submitted by you to Government, in order that authority may be procured for admitting in the public accounts the Sum already over-drawn, and for the continuance of pay to the two Men for the two past Months, as requested in your Letter to this Office — The Abstract is herewith returned —

(Signed) I. Prendergast
Deputy Mily Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals Office. Fort St. George 3rd June 1807

True Copy
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town Major

Ordered that a Copy of the Order thereon

foregoing Letter be furnished to the Military Auditor General, and that he be desired to authorize the Charges therein mentioned —

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army —

To

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Fort St. George 9th June 1807

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From the Officer Comd. the Sub Div. recommends that the Tanjore gate at Trichinopoly may be again opened that a Dead Room and Medical Store Room may be added to the new Hospital. Reports that he has built a temporary Pavilion at the Barracks and refers to a former Letter regarding the Draw Bridge at the Madura Gate.

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Hono-
-rable the Governor in Council, that the
Gantomony Gateway is in such a state of decay, as
to have rendered it necessary to take the Gates
from their hinges; and as it is impossible to shut
up the Gate for the purpose of improvement or
repairs, without the greatest possible inconvenie-
-ence, to a numerous population I take the
liberty of strongly recommending to His
Lordship in Council, in order to promote cleanli-
-ness and the convenience of the Inhabitants
that the Tanjore Gate which has been shut
for many years, may be again opened Confor-
-mably to a plan formerly transmitted to
the Military Board, by Major Lennon,
and the expence will be only four thousand

Star

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Star Pagodas—

The Plan and Estimate will be transmitted to the Chief Engineer—

His Excellency the Commander in Chief and the Quarter Master General particularly inspected the Gentoomony Gateway, and every part of the Fort, and will be able to give His Lordship any further information that may be required—

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His Excellency when at Tuckinopoly directed me to cause an Estimate to be made out for adding a Verandah to the European Barracks on the plain, but owing to the Barracks being so very low, the Engineer is of opinion that

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that a permanent Verandah cannot be attached to the Barracks with a sufficient Slope to effectually carry off the Water, but conformably to my orders prepared a plan and Estimate which I have rejected for the above reasons and in consequence of the great expence / the Estimate Amounting to five thousand Pagodas) but in order to afford a temporary relief from the inconvenience the Troops suffer, I have directed a Bamboo and Cajan Pandal to be built round the Barracks at the expence of 200 Star Pagodas, which I trust his Lordship will approve of.

I have also to represent to his Lordship the necessity of building a Dead Room and Medical Store Room to the new Hospital on the Plain which I request may be sanctioned.

I have also the honor to forward a List of Estimates this day transmitted to the Chief Engineer, and the works therein specified have been commenced upon by my

order

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order as works that admitted not of delay.

I request also to draw the attention of His Lordship in Council to my letter of the 10th April, and particularly to that part alluding to the Draw Bridge at the Madura Gate which I think in a few days will be impossible.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Signed/ D. Campbell
Colonel

Head Quarters
Southern Division
of the Army Trichinopoly
30th May 1807

List

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Fort St. George 4th June 1821

List and Estimates of works which the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army has directed to be immediately executed by the Superintending Engineer.—

N°				
1	Estimate for building a necessary to the European Invalid Barrack near the Gentomoney Gate and repairing the roof of the Barracks where requried	110	18	35
2	Estimate of the Expence of building a necessary to the Gentomony Gate	33	27	47
3	Estimate for building a Cook room to the Officers Guard room and building a necessary to Do for the European Guard Stationed at Madura Gate	75	34	71
4	Estimate of repairing the Guard Shed on Smiths Battery lately Tiled by Garrison Lascars	17	10	68

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5	Estimate for repairing partialy the Terrace of the European Barracks or Stone Choultry, in the Fort of Trichinopoly	8	24	47
6	Estimate of Constructing a Pendall all round the interior part of the European Barracks on the Plain	208	7	32
7	Estimate of the Expence of Covering in the Stair case leading to the Terrace of the Stone Barracks in the Fort	24	20	16

/Signed/ D.. Campbell
Colonel

Ordered

Fort St. George 8th June 1801

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Order thereon

Ordered that a copy of the fore-going Letter be referred to the Military Board for consideration and report.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

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

My Lord

From the Military Board — Report on the proposed improvement of Fort St. George by the removal of the public Offices, &c.

Having referred to the Chief Engineer, the Memorandum forwarded with the Chief Secretarys' Letter of 22d April, we have now the honor to submit Copy of that Officers Report; and to express our entire concurrence with his opinion.

The insufficiency of the accommodation afforded by the Buildings at present allotted for the Arsenal, is productive of much inconvenience and frequent loss by the damage of Stores, the want of room for the proper arrangement of many articles of considerable

value

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value, renders it impossible to take the necessary precautions for their preservation, and produces much confusion in the detailed distribution of them; for these reasons we have already strongly recommended the extension of the Arsenal; but the great change of Circumstances which has taken place since the period at which the former Plan of the extension was formed, induces us entirely to adopt the suggestion of the Superintending Engineer, which connects with the extension of the Arsenal, the improvement of the interior of the Fort; the latter we consider a paramount object, but, untill several houses of Agency, and various discriptions of persons were attached to the Black Town, by the removal of the Custom House from the Fort, the great value set on the private houses in the Fort, and the difficulty of persuading the Merchants and others to quit it, were important obstacles to a General reform of the interior; these obstacles being in some degree removed,

we

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we are of opinion that the improvement of the Fort, should not on any account be longer deferred; and we conceive that the Plan which has been proposed by Lieutenant Fraser is highly judicious; it not only provides for the extension of the Arsenal upon a scale that will produce much convenience, and for an arrangement of the Government Buildings and public Civil Offices, that is at once Commodious and ornamental; but it also points out the mode of effecting these Improvements, and at the same time of adding considerably to the means of defending Fort Saint George at an expence which will not ultimately exceed that of the Plan originally proposed, we are therefore induced strongly to recommend to your Lordship in Council, the adoption of Lieutenant Fraser's Plan in toto.

We

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We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
1st June 1807

Yr. Yr.

(Signed) I. F. Cradock

" E. Trapaud

" P. A. Agnew

" Alexr. Orr

" I. Munro

Report of the Chief Engineer on a Memo-
-randum of the Superintending Engineer for
erecting a Range of Buildings between the
Custom House, and North East Angle of the
Esplanade - referred for report on the 4th
May 1807.

It is with the greatest satis-
-faction I observe that, Government have at
last taken the state of the interior of Fort St.
George into consideration, a subject I con-
-ceive of the first importance, and connected
in a great degree with a Security of the
British Possessions in this quarter of
India -

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The Statements of the Superintending Engineer I consider perfectly just, and that the Works of Fort Saint George are formidable, but what are the use of Works without the interior furnishes the means of defending them? a Fortress without store rooms for Provisions, without magazines for Gun-Powder; and destitute of every requisite for sustaining a Siege, will make but a short resistance against an Enemy well appointed and Skilled in the art of attack.

Let the Board consider for a moment, the Confusion which must inevitably ensue, if we should ever be so unfortunate as to have to defend Fort Saint George — The numerous Private Houses occupying the interior would soon become heaps of ruins, and block up the Streets — The Provisions and Stores must be placed in the Bomb Proofs to preserve them from the effect of the Enemys' Shells, where then are the Soldiers to rest when off

duty

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duty? where are the Sick and wounded to be placed in Security? these are questions I naturally ask, as I conceive the place cannot be defended if the Soldiers are as much exposed when off duty, as when on the Works resisting the Besiegers.—

This constant exposure would damp the Spirits of the Soldiery, and compel the Garrison to a Capitulation which every one will allow would be a death blow to the British Interests on the Coast, and perhaps felt over the whole of the British empire in the East.—

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The Statements of the Superintending Engineer I consider perfectly just, and that the Works of Fort Saint George are formidable, but what are the use of Works without the interior furnishes the means of defending them? a Fortress without store rooms for Provisions, without magazines for Gun-Powder, and destitute of every requisite for sustaining a Siege, will make but a short resistance against an Enemy well appointed and Skilled in the art of attack.

Let the Board consider for a moment, the Confusion which must inevitably ensue, if we should ever be so unfortunate as to have to defend Fort Saint George — The numerous Private Houses occupying the interior would soon become heaps of ruins, and block up the Streets — The Provisions and Stores must be placed in the Bomb Proofs to preserve them from the effect of the Enemys' Shells, where then are the Soldiers to rest when off duty

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additions and improvements had been made to the defences, the Bomb proof Lodgements were not sufficient for the security of the Garrison, and many lives were lost in consequence; and although the Buildings at that time did not cover above half the area of the Fort, as it was at that period, not a Building remained that was not completely unroofed and uninhabitable; and had not the Enemy been compelled to raise the siege, the place must inevitably have fallen; although it was defended with the utmost skill and Bravery — What would now be the consequence of being obliged to defend Fort Saint George, the numerous buildings which are crowded together, towering above each other would in a short time be opened to the heavens; and the Rubbish block up the interior altogether — the Arsenal would not stand a days Bombardment, and to that Building, the enemys attention would be first directed.

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The natural defences of Fort Saint George are now much diminished, when last besieged, its Southern and Western fronts were encompassed with deep stagnated arms of the North and Triplicane Rivers, which rendered it nearly impregnable on those fronts. At present the Southern Front only retains its natural defences on the West face from the Vicinity of the Buildings of the Black Town, any number of mortars could be placed behind them, which would soon reduce every Building not Bomb Proof to ruins, while the enemys mortars would be so securely placed that it would nearly be impossible to destroy them, and it was from such situations that the French threw 8000 Shells into Fort Saint George during the siege of 1758/9 this alone independent of Fort Saint George being the Capital of the British Possessions on the Coast; and the great Depot of Military

Stores

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Stores, ought to point out the necessity of having the interior of the Fort as secure as its walls.

The Steeple built on the Church in 1795 by Colonel Gent then Chief Engineer, would be attended with much inconvenience in the event of an attack, but the body of the Church would afford considerable security for Provisions or Stores.

Let us now consider the effect the extension of the Arsenal would have upon the interior of the place, agreeably to the Plans I had the honor to submit — In both, the additions were necessarily Planned Connected with the Arsenal, if No. 1. was adopted nearly a fourth of the Area of the Fort would be occupied by the Arsenal; the additions occupying an extent more than necessary for the lodgement of the Stores which could be placed in them, from the smallness of the apartments, and irregularity of the Private Buildings, from which it would be formed — Plan No. 2 — although occupying a greater

extent

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extent than the above is not so objectionable, as the extent proposed to be taken in, being on the eastern side of the Arsenal would render the whole more compact than No. 1.—

Supposing this arrangement to have taken place, the Supreme Court must be provided with another House, the Medical Stores, Medical Board &c. occupying this range must also move to another part of the Fort, where additions must be made at a great expence for their accommodation; and instead of adding to the strength of the place, which was the original intention, by increasing the magazine of Military Stores, the Fort will be still rendered less defensible than it is at present.—

It will be recollected that Fort St. George is only a Citadel, and its interior area only sufficient for the necessary Buildings required for the Troops requisite for its defence. How then can it be expected to afford room for the Civil Offices of Government, and the greatest number

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of the Private Merchants of Madras.

Independent of the advantages of the Plan submitted by the Superintending Engineer for the removal of the Government Offices and Boards to the Black Town, the expence will be considerably under the probable cost of enlarging the Arsenal alone; under these Circumstances, the Board surely cannot hesitate in recommending to Government to carry the proposed arrangement into immediate effect. A measure which I have long had in contemplation to propose, and one in which I conceive the security of the British Possessions on the Coast much depends, and I agree with the Superintending Engineer that its adoption will relieve the Company from the constant drain on the Public Treasury for alterations and improvements to imperfect Buildings, for want of a Settled Plan at the commencement.

I have examined the Fort Square, and find that the Walls of the outer Range are sufficiently strong to bear an arch as proposed by

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by the Superintending Engineer, and could easily be converted into a safe Bomb Proof Armoury and which would be the only safe depository for arms within the Walls. The Bomb Proofs under the Government house, within the Square are excellent, and would afford secure accommodation for many valuable Stores.

The proposed new Buildings will be besides much more safe upon the Beach, than in the Fort, was there ever room to place them there, as no Ships can approach so near the Shore as to fire with any degree of certainty, or in fact do them any material damage; while Guns placed upon the Terrace would be much more certain in their execution; and red hot shot would make an enemy keep at a respectable distance, and suppose an enemy was to appear on the land side, some days at least must elapse before he could get possession of the Black Town, which would give sufficient time to remove the records of Government into the Fort, as well as other valuables, and it is not probable that an enemy would waste time and ammunition in destroying a few naked Buildings, which could not in the least forward his views against Fort Saint George.—

The Plans for the Public Offices appear well calculated for the purpose intended, and on examining the detailed Estimates I find the charges correct.

(Signed) E. Trahaud Chief Engineer

(A true Copy)

(Signed) A. Stock

A. S. M. B.

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be furnished to the Public Department.

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Received and sent the undermentioned

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Letter entered in M. B. Nos. 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24 25 -

From Captain Marshall - With return

From the Secy to the Military Board

of Provisions, Stores &c. sent on Board the Marquis Wellesley for 180 Prisoners of War.

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr - Reporting

From the Military Auditor General

on an additional Estimate of Cash of the Paymaster at Fort St. George for the current Month. -

From Captain St. George - For authority

From the acting Brigade Major to His Majesty's Troops

to an advance to a Detachment of His Majesty's 84th Regiment serving as Marines on board His Majesty's Ship Duncan -

To Mr. Parry - With Copy of Letter

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William. -

to the Honorable Court of Directors and Copies of Minutes of His Lordship and Commander in Chief on the Question of Military Patronage. -

To Mr. Warden - Submitting State-

To the Secretary to the Government at Bombay

ment of advances of Money to Officers of that Establishment. -

To the Honorable John Rodney - With

To the Chief Secy to Govt at Bombay

Statement

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Statement of an advance of Money to an Officer of His Majesty's 66th Regiment.

To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Auditor General: With Extract from proceedings in this Department.

To the Military Paymaster General.

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At a Consultation

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Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

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

Commander in Chief

William Petrie }
and } Esquires.
Thomas Oakes }

Friday the
12th June 1807.

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Also recommend that the 22d Dragoons may march from Bangalore to Nundydroog.

(Signed) W. Bentinck

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Order thereon.

Resolved that Colonel Wane be appointed to Command at Nundydroog, agreeably to the recommendation of the President, and that the Commander in Chief be authorized and requested to give orders for the March of His Majesty's 22d. Regiment of Light Dragoons to that Station.-

Lieut. Swain of the 8th. Reg. Native Infantry appointed to act as an assistant under the Secy to the Military Board, during the absence of Lieut. Stock, without allowance.-

The President recommends that Lieutenant Swain of the 8th. Regiment of Native Infantry be appointed to act as an Assistant under the Secretary to the Military Board, during the absence of Lieutenant Stock.-

Approved, and Ordered Accordingly.

By.

The Commander in Chief records the following Minute.-

Minute of the Commander in Chief.-

Commander in Chief's Minute, stating that promotions become necessary in the 3d. & 9. Regiments of N.I. in Consequence of the death of Lieut. Binny and the resignation of Lieutenant Pagan. Submits a Request from Captain Dalrymple of Artillery to resign the Appointt. of Commissary of Ordnance at Hydrabad and recommends that Lieutenant Chambers who is employed with the Pioneers may draw the usual extra allowance.-

The death of Lieutenant David Binny of the 3d. Regiment of Native Infantry has been reported to have happened at Trichinopoly on the 3d. Instant.-

The following Promotions become necessary in Consequence of this Casualty, and the resignation of Lieutenant Pagan of the 9th. Regiment of Native

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Native Infantry.

3rd Regiment of Native Infantry

Ensign J. Fyfe to be Lieutenant vice Binny deceased; date of Rank 4th June 1807.

9th Regiment of Native Infantry

Ensign James Rodger to be Lieutenant vice Pagan permitted to resign - date of Rank the 7th June 1807.

I submit a Letter from Captain A. Dalrymple of Artillery, Commissary of Stores to the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, requesting permission to relinquish that appointment.

The Officer Commanding the 2nd Battalion of Pioneers, having stated to me that the number of Officers attached to that Corps is at present insufficient to superintend the number of additional Workmen employed under his direction, I have, at his request, directed Lieutenant Chambers of the 6th Regiment of Native Infantry to do duty with the 2d Battalion of Pioneers; and I hope the Board will sanction this receipt of the usual allowances while thus employed. (signed) J. J. Bradock
Lt. General
&c.

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

My Lord,

Having received His Excellency the Commander in Chief's permission to proceed to the Presidency on Furlough for four Months, and it being probable from my situation as Senior Captain in the Corps of Artillery, that I may be promoted ere the expiration of that period to a Majority, and as that rank by the late regulations is disqualified from holding the office of Commissary, I consider it advisable while on the Spot to deliver over my Charge entirely to that Departt., and have to request that your Lordship will be pleased to accept of my resignation as Commissary to the Hydrabad Detachment.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Dalrymple
Commissary of Ordnance
Hydrabad Subsy Force.

Cantonments
near Hydrabad
June 1st. 1807.

Resolved

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order thereon.

Resolved that the Promotions stated to be necessary in the foregoing Minute be directed to take place.-

Resolved that Captain Dalrymple be permitted to resign the situation of Commissary of Stores with the Subsidiary Force of Hydrabad.-

Resolved that Lieutenant Chambers of the 6th Regiment of Native Infantry be permitted to draw the usual allowances of an Officer of Pioneers.-

The Board proceed to pass orders on the following Proceedings of the Medical Board.-

Resolutions of the Go-vernor in Council Dated 12th June 1807.-

Medical Board, 29th May 1807.-

Proceedings of the Med. Board and Resolutions thereon - Mr Surgeon Hay applies for leave of absence - leave granted - but the application of the Court of Cranbrook of other Civil Authorities are such as ought to be produced in future cases.-

Ordered that the application of Mr Hay be complied with.-

In such cases it will be proper that Medical Officers should be required to produce to the Medical Board satisfactory testimony

Mr Surgeon Hay having applied for permission to visit the Presidency, on private business; and his application having been regularly

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testimony that their applica-
tion has received the concur-
rence of the Court of Appeal
and Circuit, or of any other
local Civil authority to which
the Medical Officer may be
attached; and no application
for leave of absence should
be laid before the Governor
in Council, unless it is ac-
companied by such testimo-
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regularly made, through
the Superintending Surgeon
of his Division, and with
the acquiescence of the Judges
of the Southern Court
of Circuit and Appeal.
the Medical Board re-
commend, that leave of
absence from his Station,
be granted to him for one
Month.

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

" Terence Gahagan
M.D. & 2d. Member
Medical Board
" Andrew Berry
3d. Member Med. Board.

By Order of the Right Honble
the Governor in Council.
(Signed) George Buchan
Chief Secretary

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board.
Recommend Bills to be discharged.

We have the Honor to forward and to recommend for payment the following Bills Viz.

No. 1 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Mysore for Rice purchased and laid up in Store at Hurryhur - Amounting to Pagodas 695 - 22 - 64 -

No. 2 - Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Mysore for 30 Bullock Gunny Bags supplied for the Service of the Gram Department of His Majesty's 22d Regiment Light Dragoons - Amounting to Pagodas 7 - 22 - 40

No. 3 - - 2 Bills for the Pay of extra Writers, Conicopolies, Artificers, & Coolies employed under the Officer Commanding the Pioneers, by direction

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direction of the Committee assembled by Order of Govern-
-ment, in clearing the fort of Seringapatam for the Month
of April 1807 - Amounting together to Pags 397-114-

No. 4. ... Bill of the Garrison Storekeper
at Masulipatam for 1500 Bullock Gunny Bags provi-
-ded for the use of the Provision Department at
that Station - Amounting to Pagodas 500. - -

No. 5 ... Bill of the Garrison Storekeper
at Masulipatam for 416 Bullock Gunny Bags made
for transporting Grain to Walajahbad for the use of the
2d Battalion 15th Regiment Native Infantry. Amount-
-ing to Pagodas 138 - 28. -

No. 6. ... Bill of the Garrison Storekeper
at Masulipatam for Copper Morcals made use for
the use of the Provision Department. Amounting to
Pagodas 11 - 35. .

No. 7. .... 2 Bills of the Garrison Storekeper
in Malabar for the hire of Coolies employed in August
and September last in carrying Provisions with a
Detachment of His Majesty's 80th Regiment ordered

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on field Service - Amounting to Pagodas 226-2-57.

No. 8. Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Malabar for Coolies employed in removing and packing Grain and Provision Stores &c. from the Posts of Montana and Cotaparamba to Tellicherry in October 1806. Amounting to Pags. 64-21-54.

No. 9. Bill of the late Paymaster at Trichinopoly Amounting to Pagodas 1846-1-5. for Loss arising from the Sale of Certain Provision Stores collected by him for the use of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Foot at Negapatam.-

We have the honor to be

My Lord,

Your &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. F. Cradock.
C. Trapaud
P. A. Agnew
Alexander Orr
J. Munro.

Fort St. George
1st June 1807.

Ordered

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Ordered that authority be given for the payment of the Bills and advances of Money, recommended in the foregoing Letter.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

&c: &c: &c:

From the Military Auditor General. Recommends that Surgeons attached to Regiments of Cavalry, be permitted to receive the allowance of Captains of Cavalry.

My Lord,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's letter of the 20th. ultimo - referring for my consideration and report an application from Mr. Surgeon Dove of the 6th. Regiment of Cavalry to be permitted to draw the Pay and allowances of a Captain of Cavalry.

2. The claims of Mr. Surgeon Dove is not warranted by any Regulation of the Service nor has the Indulgence which he solicits been ever granted to full Surgeons in Medical Charge of

Regiments

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Regiments of Native Cavalry.

3d The Grounds however upon which Mr Powell claims rest appear to be worthy of favorable Consideration particularly as your Lordship in Council was pleased to issue an order on the 1st of March last, granting to Assistant Surgeons with Regiments of Cavalry the same Pay and allowances as Lieutenant of Cavalry.

4 The Medical Charge of a Regiment of Cavalry under the present System is certainly less profitable, tho' not less laborious and responsible, than almost any other Charge of a Corps or Station in the Service to which a full Surgeon is liable to be appointed. The Extra Expences to which a Surgeon of Cavalry is liable from Dress, equipment, and the keeping of Horses, are certainly Arguments in favor of his being permitted to draw the Pay and allowances of a Captain of Cavalry.

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

(Signed) Alexander Orr.

Military Auditor Genl Office
Fort St George 8th June 1807.

Military Auditor General.

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Resolution thereon.

The Board concur in the opinion stated in the foregoing Letter; and it is accordingly Resolved that a Regulation to that effect be published in General Orders.

From the Officer commanding at Chittoor.

Read the following Letter.

To The Chief Secretary of Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Commandant of Chittoor - States various repairs to be required in that Garrison, and the necessity for employing the Zillah Prisoners in repairing the Parapet.

I beg leave to State for the information of Government, that on the Evening of the 15th Instant a Storm at Chittoor did much mischief to the Tiles &c. of the Public Buildings - Viz. Barracks, Main Guard, Hospital, Gunshed, Commandants Quarter and Necessaries. - I have also to report the badness of the Timber, or rather old Palmiras, which support the roof of the Barracks and Main Guard in particular. - As the Quarter commonly called the Commandants is not habitable, the Timber and Tiles would go far towards repairing the Barracks, and enlarge my Parade as a Drill ground; the Mud Walls would do to lend it. -

Mr. S

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Unless the Zillah Prisoners are sentento the Fort to repair the Parapet, it will come to pieces the next Monsoon - it is much damaged by the rain which fell a few days ago.

Signed E. Boardman
Captain 1st Battalion 18th Regt.

Chittoor
31st May 1807.

Com.g at Chittoor

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be referred to the Military Board for consideration and report

From Major Austin of His Majesty's 59th Regimt.

George Buchan Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government

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

Sir,

In the Capacity of the Acting Trustee for the Children of Mrs. Tancourt I have the honor to submit the accompanying Statement to you, and to request you will have the goodness to lay the same before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council -

On

Order thereon.

From Major Austin as acting Trustee for the Children of the late Brevet Colonel Tancourt requests payment of the Sum in the Paymaster General's Hands due to the Estate of that Officer.

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On permission having been obtained from the Right Honorable Lord Lake for the sale of the late Lieutenant Colonel Tancourts Commission, His Excellency Sir John Cradock expressed a desire that the whole of the produce of the said Commission should be settled upon Mrs. Tancourts Infant Children without delay — a part of the Amount /1500 £ Sterling/ had been remitted through a Mistake to England and to make good that deficiency a Sum of Money was borrowed at a high Interest which it is proposed to liquidate by the Funds due to the Estate arising from the Bazar. As it still appears to be uncertain when the distribution of that Fund may take place, and that I am about to quit the Presidency, the only acting Trustee, I request you will solicit His Lordship in Council to permit a Sum equal to Two Thousand Pagodas to be issued on that Account, and to be applied to the foregoing purpose, from the Bazar Fund —

Should that Sum appear to be too great an advance I request you will solicit such

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such as His Lordship may deem proper to grant.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Henry Chustin

Trustee for Mrs. Fancourts Children

Port St. George
June 11th. 1807.-

Address thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be furnished to the Bazar Fund Committee, and that they be desired to state the probable extent of the Bazar Allowance, which may be due to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Colonel Fancourt.-

Ordered also that it be remarked to the Committee, that it is extremely desirable that the general distribution of the Bazar Fund should not be longer postponed.-

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will submit the accompanying Correspondence for the Consideration of The Right Honorable The Governor

From the Officer Comg. in Malabar and Canara. Enclosed Correspondence with the Commanding Officer at Mangalore relative to Crew landed from the wreck of the Portuguese Ship St. Josephs bid ordered for the detention of such of those persons

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persons as have arriving at Mangalore, and requesting the instructions of Govt. concerning them.—

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Governor in Council. No. 1. is Colonel Ogg's first Report. No. 2. his second Report and No. 3 My answer to Colonel Ogg - upon which I beg to be honored with His Lordship's Instructions.

Canara

May 30th 1807.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benjamin Forbes
Col. Comg in Malabar & Canara

To the Officer Commanding
in Malabar and Canara

Sir,

I this day learnt from Mr. Read, in conversation, that one of the annual Portuguese Registers Ships, had been lost on this coast near Sourat Kul, about 12 miles distant from this place, in the late disastrous storm; the intelligence has been received from one of Mr. Read's Aumildars, who informs him that 150 of Her Portuguese Majesty's Troops, have landed at that place, with a number of Officers, and a number of Persons have been drowned.—

Accompanying

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Accompanying, is copy of a note, I immediately wrote to the Commanding Offr, to which I have as yet received no answer - Mr Keate had gone out I believe to offer his Assistance.-

Until I receive certain intelligence of who and what they are, I shall order a Picquet in advance and the Battalion to be in readiness - I shall communicate in the Evening whatever intelligence I may receive - There can hardly be a possibility of their being other than what they are described, precaution is however proper.-

I should imagine that Government would approve of every Assistance being given to them, in their name, as faithful allies of His Brittanic Majesty - I shall therefore not hesitate to do any thing in my power, for their Assistance, until I shall receive directions from you for my future guidance.-

I shall write to you by Express in the Evening. /Signed/ S. C. Cagg.
Lt. Col. Com.g Mangalore

Mangalore
21st May 1807.-

/True Copy/
/Signed/ Ben. Forbes.
Col. Com.g

Copy

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Copy.

To the Officer Commanding Her Portuguese
Majesty's Troops at Soorrat Kal.

Lieutenant Colonel Ogg presents his Compliments to the Officer commanding the Troops of Her Majesty the Queen of Portugal at Soorrat Kal and requests he will be pleased to inform him in what manner he can have the happiness of being of use to him and that of his Party.

Lieutenant Colonel Ogg is suffering from bruises from the fall of his house, during the late Storm, which prevents him from taking personally a more active part on this occasion.

Mangalore
28th May 1807.

To the Officer Commanding
in Malabar and Canara

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you all the information I have obtained from the Ships Log Book and Read, on the subject of the Ship Stranded at Soorrat Kal. contained in the two enclosed notes from that Gentleman.

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Gentlemen

/Signed/ A. W. Ogg

Lt Col. Com.g Mangalore

Mangalore
23d. Augt 1807

True Copy

/Signed/ Ben. Torbes

Col. Commanding

Copy of Mr. Heales Note

Mr. Read has given you as much
as I know of the wreck.

I believe the crew to be Portuguese
The very few who appeared to have any notion of French, I
spoke it so ill as no Frenchman could if he wished to deceive,
have done. I have ordered Guards of Sepoys to accompany
them from Station to Station, towards Goa; some of the
Officers will be in tomorrow.

/Signed/ T. M. Heale

Copy of Mr. Reads note

"The Ship is called the Novo Colo,
last from Goa bound to Lisbon with Marine Soldiers on
Board 77 Common men 25 Drowned total 102 - besides Officers
The Officers will be in here tomorrow. -

/Signed/ Alex.r Read.

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To the Officer Commanding
at Mangalore

Sir,

I have received Lieutenant Colonel Cogg's 1st & 2d Reports of the 27th Instant, concerning the wreck of the Portuguese Ship, but as it appears by the latter report, that all the Sailors and Private Soldiers, have been sent by the Civil Authority to Goa, I have not any orders to give you regarding them.—

You will please to send me a list of the Ranks Names and Nations of the Officers who came to Mangalore and such as may be there when you receive this, are to be informed by you that they are not to leave Mangalore, till further Orders.— You will also endeavour to ascertain if there are any Frenchmen amongst the Officers.—

Should any of the Officers thus detained, require pecuniary assistance, I authorise you to direct the Paymaster of Canara to issue to the amount of fourteen Cays' pay to each,

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Taking the Senior Offrs receipt on account of the Goa Govt.

/signed/ Benjamin Torbes
Col.

Cananore
May 30th 1807

/True Copy/
/signed/ Ben: Torbes

Ordered that the following Reply
be dispatched.

To the Officer Commanding in
Malabar and Canara.

Sir, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, and to acquaint you that as there appears no doubt that the persons who suffered in the unfortunate wreck of the Portuguese Ships, are subjects of the Portuguese Govt; it will be proper that every facility should be afforded to them in their journey to Goa.

To the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara - Desiring that the Portuguese subjects mentioned in his Letter may be sent to Goa - under the charge of the Civil Magistrate -

The Lordships in Council is however of opinion that the duty of providing for the care and accommodation of the sufferers, should be left to the department of the Civil Magistrate. I am &c. &c.

/signed/ George Strachey
Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George,
13th June 1807.

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The Papers Submitted by the Commander in Chief on the 9th Instant on the part of Lieutenant Sampson of the Madras Cavalry having been returned from Circulation, it is Resolved that Authority be given to the Military Auditor General for admitting the Sum retrenched from Lieutenant Sampson's Abstracts as Assistant Commissary Agent for Cavalry Supplies.—

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Extract

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Copies 24 Copies by Mason
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Diary

Sent the following letter.

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To the Bazar Fund Committee

Gentlemen,

Para 1st I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose the Copy of a Letter from Major Hatlen of His Majesty's 59th Regiment, and to desire that you will state the probable extent of the Bazar allowance which may be due to the Estate of the late Lieutenant Colonel Tancourt.

To the Bazar Fund Committee Desiring they will state the amount of Bazar allowance due the Estate of the late Lieut Colonel Tancourt and desiring it should the General distribution of that fund they not be longer postponed.

2d His Lordship in Council directs me to observe that it is extremely desirable that the general distribution of the Bazar Fund should not be longer postponed.

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

Fort St George
13th June 1807.

Received and sent the following Letters.

Entered in M.B. Nos 29. 30 - 31 - 32 - 33. 34 - 35.

From

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From the Mil.y Sec.y to the Commander in Chief.

From Lieutenant Colonel Reynell - Requesting an advance of Pay to Lieutenant Hunter of the Bengal Establishment.

From Major Lloyd 3.d Regt. Nativ. Inf.y

From Major Lloyd - for permission to draw on the Paymaster here, for an advance.

To the Sec.y to the Gov.t at Fort William.

To Mr. Parry - with General Return for the Month of May.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board - Directing that the Carts mentioned in Accompanying Papers may be properly Repaired, and returned to Captain Cottah; and the Original Papers herewith, to be returned when perused.

To Ditto.

To Ditto - Payment of Bills authorized - with Copy of Letter from Commanding Officer of Chittoor relative to Repairs required at that Station.

To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Auditor General - Directing Authority for an Advance on Account of a Detachment of the 84.th Regiment doing duty as Marines on board His Majesty's Ship Duncan.

To Do.

To Do. Do. Permitting Mr. Surgeon Dove to draw Pay and Allowances of a Captain of Cavalry - with

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with Extract from Proceedings in this Department -
directing Authority for payment of Bills recommended
by the Military Board.

From the Town Major of Fort St. George, 15th inst.

Received a letter from Major Barclay
entered in Mil. B. No. 36 - With Letter and Requests of Certain
Cadets of the Bengal Establishment for an Advance of 200
Rupees each -

To the Military Auditor General -

Sent a letter to the Military Auditor
General entered in Mil. B. No. 36. With Extract from the
Proceedings in this Department of the 12th Instant.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor and President

Tuesday the 16th inst. June, 1807. Lieutenant General Sir J. F. Cradock K. B.
Commander in Chief
William Petrie
and
Thomas Oakes
} Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

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To the Military Auditor General &c.

Sent a letter to the Military Auditor General entered in M. B. No. 36. With Extract from the Proceedings in this Department of the 12th Instant.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

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

Commander in Chief

William Petrie
and
Thomas Oakes
} Esqrs.

Tuesday the 16th June 1807.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

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The Commander in Chief records the following Minutes.

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Commander in Chief's Minute - Submits an application from the Deputy Commissary of Stores at Vellore for an increase of House Rent and for office allowance - Recommends the latter - States the inconveniency experienced by the Pensioners at Vellore from the high price of Grain and his intention of submitting some detailed recommendations in favor of the European Pensioners in general - recommends in the meantime that the Regulations respecting the issue of Grain be extended to all Pensioners - Submits an application from Lieut. Arthur relative to his allowances and Establishment as Surveying Engineer in Travancore, and suggests that it should be referred to the Chief Engineer and Military Auditor General - Submits Proceedings of the Medical Board.

I have the honor to lay before Government, a Letter from Colonel Lang, Commanding the Fortress of Vellore, forwarding an application from Mr. Stanhope Deputy Commissary of Stores for an Increase of House Rent, and soliciting that the Retrenchment of his Office allowance, Viz. Five Pagodas Monthly, should be removed -

I cannot recommend the Increase requested in the first Instance, but it appears to me but reasonable, that some allowance should be made to Mr. Stanhope for his Office -

Lieutenant Colonel Lang in his Letter represents in strong terms, the very distressed Situation of the European Pensioners at the Station of Vellore - and that they have not, in Common with others, the advantage of the Difference between the Rate established by Government and the current Rate of the Market -

Lieut.

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Lieutenant Colonel Lang further states, that Rice is selling in the Bazar at the very dear Rate of 7 Seers for the Rupee, and that these Pensioners have but two Pagodas Monthly, which he considers totally inadequate for their individual support, and most of them are burthened with large Families.-

It is my Intention, in a short time, to prepare for Submission to Government a List of the European Pensioners living under this Presidency, with their Pensions, Situations, Places of abode &c. &c. as in my late Journey to the Southward I had frequent Opportunities of Witnessing the extreme Wretchedness and Misery of this Description of People- In the mean time I should recommend, that the advantage of the Difference between the Government fixed Rate, and the current Price of the Market be extended to the European as well, as to the Native Pensioners and others.-

2 I have also to submit to the Board a Letter from Colonel Frazer, accompanied with an application from Lieutenant Arthur of the Engineer Corps.

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Corps, soliciting that his Situation as Surveyor in Travancore, should be placed on a similar Footing with those of the Engineers and Surveyors attached to the Hydrabad and Poonah Subsidiary Force.

It is the intention of the Government to prosecute the Survey in the Travancore Country. It appears to me, that the Engineer employed should have proper Establishments and Means to enable him to do justice to the Duty assigned to him - but of the particular Circumstances or Extent of such Establishments, I do not feel sufficiently instructed, to state a fixed opinion - I should however beg leave to suggest, that the Chief Engineer, in Conjunction with the Military Auditor General, be directed to Consider the Subject, and report what Establishment and allowances Lieutenant Arthur should have, for the due Execution of this Survey in Travancore.

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June 16th 1807.

(Signed) J. J. Cradock
Lieut. General

I have the honor to annex Proceedings from the Medical Board of the 15th June 1807.

(Signed) J. J. Cradock

To

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To The Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a representation from the Deputy Commissary of Stores at this Station - In addition I have only to say that the Houses in this Fortress are rented for more than the allowance made by Government - May I request that you will be so good as submit it to His Excellency the Commander in Chief. -

I trust His Excellency will not be offended at my representing to him the deplorable State of the European Pensioners at this Station -

Rice is now selling at 7 Seers for a Rupee in this Bazar. And as the Pensioners are not allowed the difference between the rate fixed by Government (in the General Order of the 30th of December 1806) and the Current rate of the Market; their Pension of 2 Pagodas p.r Month is totally inadequate for their support -

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Most of them have large families likewise - And I am Convinced that their Cases will meet with His Excellency's most favorable Consideration.

Vellore
12th June 1807.

I have &c.
(Signed) Ross Lang
Lieut. Col. Comg

To Lieutenant Colonel Raynell
Military Secretary to His Excellency
The Commander in Chief.

Sir,

May I request you will represent to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that previous to the General Order of the 6th of May 1806 as Deputy Commissary of Stores was permitted to draw Tent Allowance equal to that of a Captain Viz. 18 Star Pagodas per Month - Since my Appointment to the situation of Deputy Commissary at Vellore, I have drawn only 5 Pagodas per Month for House Rent and 5 for an Office - The House Rent was admitted but I was retrenched for the Office Rent by the Military Auditor General - Being obliged to keep a Number of Writers, I trust His Excellency will be pleased to recommend

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recommend that the Retrenchment for my Office
Rent be done away, and likewise that it be granted to
me in future or any Increase made to my House Rent
to such extent as His Excellency Sir John Cradock
may be pleased to admit.

(Signed) W. W. Stanhope
Dep.y Comm.y of Stores.

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

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before
your Excellency, a letter from Lieutenant Arthur of
the Corps of Engineers, addressed to the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council requesting that, the Situation
of Surveyor in Travancore, to which he has been
Appointed, may be placed on the same footing, as the
Engineer and Surveyor with the Subsidiary Force at

Hyderabad

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Hyderabad and Poonah; and should your Excellency agree with me in the justness of the Statements contained in the accompanying letter, I beg you will be pleased to recommend to the Lordships in Council, to authorize the small additional personal Allowance, and Establishment solicited by Lieutenant Arthur, to enable that Officer to perform the duty required of him with advantage to the Public Service, and credit to himself.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Excellency's most Obedient
Humble Servant.
(Signed) C. Trapaud.
Chief Engineer

Engineer's Office
Fort St. George
1st June 1807

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

My Lord,

Your Lordship having been pleased to appoint me, to conduct the Survey of the Travancore Country, a Situation for which I shall ever feel grateful, I trust that the following representation to have it placed on an equal footing with other Surveys of the same description will not be deemed unreasonable.-

By the existing Regulations of the Service a Subaltern Officer of Engineers when employed on a Military Survey, receives less, for that Duty, than a Subaltern of any other Branch of the Military Service when Similarly employed, Why this Distinction exists, or on what principle the preference is made I am ignorant of, nor is it a Subject for me to make any Comment on, but I trust your Lordship will allow that, surely none ought to be made.-

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The accompanying Papers No 1 will shew that as an assistant on the Mysoore Survey under Major Mackenzie I receives Pagodas 22.26.20 for Month more than I would be entitled to, even with the same Tentage, as the principal and responsible person appointed to Conduct the Survey in Travancor Viz. the difference between Captains and Lieutenants Batta; this Surely could not have been the intention of the Regulation as I cannot suppose that the Services of an Officer of Engineers when employed on Military Survey are less Valuable, than when performing the same duty under the denomination of a Civil Survey - the labor is the same and invariably injures the health of the persons employed; if the Survey is of long continuance. Therefore trust the above will be sufficient to induce Your Lordship to allow me the small difference to my personal Allowance above-mentioned, and as being on the Spot I most likely will have the responsibility of that situation. I have also to request that I may be appointed Engineer to the Detachment, and

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and that a small Establishment be allowed for that Duty, as I am in hopes that it will appear equitable to your Lordship in Council that the Engineer and Surveyor at Travancore, charged as he is with an intricate and laborious Duty, should be placed on the same footing as the Engineer and Surveyor with the Subsidiary Force at Hyderabad and at Poonah--

Considering the great distance of Travancore from the Presidency, and the expense attending the Supply of Instruments and Stationary, as well as the difficulty of furnishing the necessary Establishment, I beg leave to propose that the Engineer and Surveyor to the Travancore Subsidiary Force be allowed Pagodas 10 pr. Month to furnish the, Stationary and keep up the Instruments necessary for the Survey. the latter being furnished by and the property of Government, and that the Establishment and allowances be as follows Viz.

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As Surveyor

Captains Subsistence			
		33	31.40
Staff Pay at the rate of 10 Shillings per day		37	21.—
allowance for one Horse		6	—.—
allowance for an Interpreter		10	—.—
Additional Tent allowance		6	21.—
1. Draftsman		15	—.—
1. Writer		10	—.—
1. Peon		2	—.—
1. Guide to be hired in Travancore and paid accordingly.			
1. Tindal			
8 Lascars	at the usual rate of Pay and Batta, to the persons of this description.		
1. Puckally			
Allowance for Stationary and keeping up Instrs		10	—.—
Tent, allowance as per Regulations for Captains of Guides.			

As Engineer to the Detachment.

1. Conicopoly			
		Pags 5	—.—
1 Bricklayer Mastry	The same Pay and Batta, as the Mastry Carpenter and Carpenters attached to a Corps.		
2 Bricklayers			

Carpenter

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1 Carpenter Mastry. 2 Carpenters, 1 Smith Mastry, 2 Smiths. 1 Hammer Man 1 Chuckler. 2 Bellows Boys and 1 Puckally - - - - - - - } the same Pay and Batta as the Artificers attached to a Corps.-

1 Brazier } The same Pay and Batta as a
1 Miner - } Chuckledar attached to a Corps- }

1 Tindal } The same Pay and Batta as to other
12 Lascars } persons of this discription -

1 Tool and Store Cart - - - - - - - Pags 7 - 21 -

Tent allowance as pr. Regulation.

This Establishment will of course be employed in keeping up the Public Buildings &c. occupied by the Detachment and will be ready for any Service that may occur.-

The Interpreter has been put down at 10 Pagodas pr. Month, it being impossible to procure one for 8 the Sum allowed by the Regulations, as it cannot be supposed that an intelligent man will go so far South for

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for less than he would get by going North, and as I have great hopes of your Lordship's concurrence in the reasonable-ness of this solicitation which I venture to prefer with the utmost diference, I also take the liberty of suggesting that if your Lordship is pleased to grant it, the whole may be particularized by Authority to prevent in future any further references on the subject and the occupation in this way of time that should be devoted to public Duties.—

I have the honor to be with

Madras
3d May 1807

the greatest respect.

My Lord.

Your Lordship's Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Thomas Arthur
Lieut. of Engineers

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Allowance and Establishment of Lieut: Arthur of Engineers attached to the Mysore Survey for March 1801.

	Pags	F. C.	Rs.	F. C.	Rs.	F. C.
Allowance						
Lieutenant Arthur						
Captain's Subsistence			38.	31.	40.	
Ditto Batta	58.	5.	20.			
Deduct Lieutenant's half Batta drawn in Garrison	19.	15.	60.			
			38.	31.	40.	
						77. 21. -
Establishment						
Horse allowance			6.	-	-	
Tent repair			5.	-	-	
Puckallies			7.	-	-	
Interpreter			10.	-	-	
1 Tindal and 8 Lascars including Batta at 1/2 f. per day			27.	14.	-	
						55. 14. -

Tents & Carriage.	Carriage Bullocks	Lascars.	Bamboo Coolies
1 Mangue	3.	2	1.
1 Private Tent	1.	1.	"
1 Kanaty Do	1.	1.	"
	5.	4.	1.

5 Carriage Bullocks at 1/2 Pagoda each	7.	22.	-
4 Lascars including Batta at 1/2 Fanam	11.	28.	-
1 Bamboo Coolie	2.	-	-
			21. 7. -

Total Star Pagodas ---- 154. 1. -

Star Pagodas one hundred and fifty four & Fanams one

(Signed) Thomas Arthur
Lt. of Engineers

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As on an Extensive Survey like that of Travancore a Considerable number of people will be required and as the distance is so considerable It would save much trouble to all parties by rendering constant applications on these subjects to the Military Board and Government unnecessary, to permit the Surveyor and Engineer to entertain his own establishment at the established rates, and on the same account to permit him to furnish himself with Stationary which in this way he always can get good and established allowance might be fixed on.

As with such a force as that in Travancore there will probably be generally some thing for the Engineer to do which as he will never be very far from the Cantonment on Survey he can readily manage them both as the Engineer with the Hyderabad force does, therefore it may be found necessary to appoint him to both and allow him the usual establishment in the Engineer Department for this purpose, as with the Hyderabad forces and as all the people can only be procured at Madras it would be very useful to grant permission for their being entertained while the Engineer is on the Spot.

Signed Thos Arthur
Lt. of Engineers

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Copy of Abstract of a Subaltern of Engineers on Military Survey for a Month of 31 Days.

				Ps.	F.	C.	Ps.	F. C.	Ps.	F. C.
Allowance										
Lieutenant Arthur										
Captain's Subsistence					38	31.40.				
a. Do. Batta			37-21	--						
Deputy Lieut's half Batta drawn in Garrison			19-15.60		17. 5. 20.				56. 36. 60.	
Establishment.										
Horse allowance				6.	--					
Tents Repair				5.	--					
Puckallies				7.	--					
6. Interpreter				8.	--					
1. Tendal and 8 Lascars including Batta at 1 1/2 Fanam pr. day				27.	11	-			53.	11 -
Tents and Carriage										
	Carriage Bullocks.	Lascars.	Bamboo Coolies.							
1. Marquee	3.	2.	1.							
1 Private Tent	1.	1.	"							
1. Necessary Do.	1.	1.	"							
	5	4	1							
5. Carriage Bullocks at 1/2 Pagoda each				7.	22.	-				
4 Lascars including Batta at 1/2 Fs. per days				11.	28.	-				
1 Bamboo Coolie				2.	-	-	21.	8.	--	-
Total Star Pagodas									131.	16. 60

Star Pagodas One Hundred and thirty One, Fanams Sixteen and Cash Sixty.-

A. All Subaltern Officers employed on Survey receive the

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the full Batta of Captain except an Engineer who from an old order receives only the Batta of his rank.

6. Interpreters are allowed 10 Pagodas to the Northward but only 8 to the Southward notwithstanding the one place is fully as dear and at as great a distance as the other.

/Signed/ Thomas Arthur

D. of Engineers

Orders thereon.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be desired to state the Sum which it may be proper to allow for Office Rent to the Deputy Commissary of Stores at Vellore.

Resolved that the existing Regulations respecting the issue of Rice to the Troops from the Public Stores be extended in favor of all Pensioners European as well as Native from this Date.

Ordered that Lieutenant Arthurs application be referred to the Chief Engineer and to the Military Auditor General for Consideration and Report;

It is Resolved at the same time to point out to the attention of those Officers that the Board are disposed to consider the

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the Scale of allowance and of Establishment proposed by Lieutenant Arthur to be expensive.-

Minute of the Commander in Chief.-

Minute of the Commander in Chief. Submits an application from the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary Force of Hyd.d for the sanction of various Charges attending the distruction of Pariah Dogs; the appointment of a Medical Officer to the Detachment in Berar; the employment of two Mortar Coolies, a donation to certain Bildars charged by Boys and the hire of some Dooley Bearers.

I have the honor to lay before Government a Letter from Colonel Montresor Commanding the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force forwarding Papers marked 1, 2, & 3, Containing Orders issued by him, and other Documents of Expence, incurred under his authority.-

No. 1.- Contains a Contingent Bill for the Amount of Rewards paid for the Distruction of Pariah Dogs during the hot Months, and Detachment Orders issued in Consequence of the March of the 1st Battalion of 10th Native Infantry.-

No. 2.- Contains an Order, authorizing the Deputy Medical Storekeeper to entertain two Mortar Coolies for the Manufacture of a Stock of Quick Silver, as recommended by the Medical Board in a Letter from their Secretary to the Medical Storekeeper at Fort St. George, a Copy of which is inserted.-

Colonel

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Colonel Montresor states, that a Retrenchment had been made from the Paymasters Accounts of a Donation which he had given, under my Authority, of two Months Pay to Men who had been drafted from the extra Battalions, to Corps Stationed at Hyderabad, but who on their Arrival there were found to be totally Unfit for the Service. — It was my Intention to have recommended this Measure before, to Government. — The Donation was necessary to enable these Men to return to their Homes, situated in Districts very distant from Hyderabad. —

No. 3. — Contains a Letter from the Paymaster of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force stating, that the Pay and Allowances of the buried Dooly Bearers for November 1806 had been retrenched. — Upon this subject I made a Reference to the Quarter Master General, and the following is his Report upon it. ——

"The Retrenchment should be withdrawn. "the whole Number of Bearers from the Dooly Corps destined to form the Establishment at Hyderabad, have not "been sent there, in Consequence of the Employment of

"nearly

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"nearly half the Dooly Corps with Colonel Marriotts De-
"tachment: The party from the Dooly Corps actually sent
"to Hyderabad, together with the Hired Bearers do not equal
"the Establishment, necessary to be maintained there.- When
"the rest of the Dooly Corps return from Bengal, the
"Detachment at Hyderabad will be Compleated, and the
"Hired Bearers will be ordered to be discharged."

From the Report of the Quarter Master General, it appears to be necessary, that the Hired Bearers, alluded to, should be entertained, until the Return of the Detachment employed with the Escort under Lieutenant Colonel Marriott's Orders- I recommend therefore that Authority to that Effect be forwarded to the Military Auditor General, and that Officer be also instructed, to admit the other Charges, as specified in the Represen-tation of Colonel Montresor, should they appear on Examination, to be Correct.-

2. I have also to submit the Proceedings of the Medical Board of the 12th: Instant, reporting the Arrival of Messrs Thomas Sutton, William Steward Anderson, William Tolme, John Norris, and John Jones from England, and

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and forwarding the Counterparts of their Covenants, as Assistant Surgeons for this Establishment

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I signed J. J. Cradock
Lieut. Genl.

Head Quarters
Hyderabad Subsidiary Force

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief
&c &c &c

Military Secretary
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Para 1st. I have the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, Copies of two Detachment Orders of the 31st March and 4th April 1807 from Detachment Orders of the 31st March and 4th April 1807 the former accompanied by a Contingent Bill for the destruction of Pariah Dogs, become necessary at the commencement of the Hot Weather, from the number of Mad Dogs that infest the Lines, and the accidents they occasioned; and the latter regarding Mr. Surgeon Tallofields appointment to the Medical Charge of the Detachments of Artillery, Pioneers, Bullocks &c. serving with the Detachment of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force in Berar, as well as his Charge of the Details of the 1st Battalion 16th Regiment; with those under His Excellency's approbation and be communicated to the Office of Audit-

&c.

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No 2. is a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary
2nd
of the Medical Board, laid before me by the Superintending
Surgeon of this Division, and I beg the favor of you to submit
it with the Extract from my Orders of the 18th April, to His
Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the Authority of his
Excellency the Commander in Chief for passing the Charge in
the Pay Accounts may be produced to the Office of Audit.

I also beg the favor of you to state to the
3rd
Commander in Chief that in Consequence of the following
Paragraph of a Letter from the Adjutant General of the
Army under date the 6th December 1806, I directed a Dona-
tion agreeable to that Paragraph to be given to the several
Individuals of Corps who were deemed unfit for the Service
and discharged under His Excellency's Authority, and
beg that the necessary Orders may be Communicated
to the Military Auditor General on the Subject, as he
has retrenched the Charge from the Pay master's Accounts
in Consequence of not having received any Communication
on the Subject.

Extract of a Letter from the Adjutant General of the Army
dated 6th December 1806.

"It is the intention of the Com-
mander

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"Commander in Chief to request the Sanction of Government
"for a Donation to each Man so discharged sufficient to bear
"his Expences to his own District; if not exceeding two Months
"Pay."-
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I have also to request that the enclosed Copy of a Letter N.o 3 with its enclosure from the Paymaster of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force, may be laid before Council, in order that the Retrenchment may be removed from his accounts.- The Detachment of the Corps of Dooley Bearers arrived here on the 27.th November 1806, but I had not the Honor to receive any instructions to discharge the 50 Setts of Hired Bearers that had been retained under Authority of the Adjutant Generals Letter of the 19.th March 1805 for the Service of the Force; at that period nearly the whole of these Bearers were employed with the Corps Relieved from this Station, and I did not conceive myself authorized after the Receipt of the Quarter Master Generals Letter of the 3.d October 1806 to reduce the Hired Bearers, without Orders, while the regular Establishment for the Carriage of Sick remained incomplete; I therefore hope that the Military Auditor General

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General will be directed to pass the Charges for the Pay of the Hired Bearers and that I shall be favored with Instructions regarding them.

/Signed/ Thomas G. Montresor
Colonel Commanding

Cantonments
Hussain Sauger 18th May 1807.

Extract from D. Orders.

Head Quarters
Hyderabad Subsidiary Force
Tuesday 31st March 1807

"Officers and other Gentlemen having Dogs "are requested to have them put under restraint immediately, "and from this date to the 8th April inclusive any person "is at liberty to kill Pariah Dogs, wherever they may be "found loose in Camp or in its Vicinity and for every dog "produced to the Line Serjeant a Reward of two fanams "will be paid."

Saturday 4th April 1807.

"The 1st Battalion 10th Regiment will "hold themselves in readiness to March at the shortest notice, "Carriage for the conveyance of Sick and all other requisites "to be indented for immediately. The Detail of the 1st Battalion

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Battalion 16th. Regiment will march to join their Corps under Charge of the Officer Commanding the 1st. Battalion 10th. Regiment.-

The Deputy Adjutant General will Indent to Supply them with Camp Equipage Carriage Dooley Bearers &c.- and Mr. Surgeon Tallofield will give Medical Aid to them on the Road.-

On the Arrival of Mr. Surgeon Tallofield of the 10th. Regiment Native Infantry with the Detachment of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force serving in Berar, he will as Senior Surgeon take Medical Charge of the Detachment of Artillery Sappers Dooley Bearers &c.- attached to Corps and Departments and draw the usual allowances for them from that date..

/True Extracts/

/Signed/ T. H. S. Conway

/Copy/ Deputy Adjutant General.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board

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to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 10th Instant, forwarding one from the Superintending Surgeon to the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force bearing date the 28th ultimo -

2° In reply to which I am directed to re-quest that you will immediately communicate to Mr. Superintending Surgeon Kennedy, the desire of the Medical Board, that he give the necessary Orders, for a sufficient Number of proper people to be employed to prepare for use the Stock of Quick Silver now in Store with the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force and that he order a Contingent Bill to be made out for the Reimburse-ment of such Expences as may thereby be incurred -

3° I am at the same time directed to desire that you will in future Consider yourself authorized by the Medical Board, to furnish upon all duly authenticated Indents, Ointments Tinctures Powders &c. in a State fully prepared for use, Con-formably to Paragraph 30th of the Printed Regula-tions, and that you now Communicate the Same to the Superintending Surgeon of the Hyderabad Subsidiary

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Subsidiary Force, as well as occasionally to all others to whom such instructions may apply.

I have the honor to be

&c: &c:

(Signed) William Horsman

Secy Medical Board.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) M. Fitzgerald

Medical Storekeeper

(True Copy)

(Signed) Alexander Kennedy

Asst Surgeon Hyd. Subsy Force

(A True Copy)

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway

Deputy Asst. General

Extract from Detachment Orders By Colonel T. G. Montresor, Commanding Hydrabad Subsidiary Force.

Hussain Saugur 18th April 1807.

The Superintending Surgeon having

Submitted

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submitted to the Commanding Officer the directions of the Medical Board for the Manufacture of a Stock of Quick Silver, now in the Medical Stores here, the Deputy Medical Store Keeper is authorized to draw for two Mortar Coolies from the 1.st Instant at two Star Pagodas a Month each for the above purpose until further Orders.

These Coolies are to be Subject to Monthly Muster, on the Deputy Medical Store Keepers Department.

May 18.th 1807.

/True Extracts/

/Signed/ T. H. S. Conway

Dep.y adjut. Gen.l

To Colonel Montresor

Commanding the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force

Hussain Saugur

Sir,

The Military Auditor General having Retrenched the Pay and allowances of the Hired Doolies Bearers for November 1806 Beg Leave to enclose an Extract from the Auditor Generals Remarks on that part of my Disbursements, and Request you will do me the Favor

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Favour to procure the necessary Authority to remove the Retrenchment now Standing against my Accounts.

Hussain Saugur
May 17th 1807.

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

/Signed/ T. H. Hall
Paym.r Hyd.d Subs.y Force

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ T. H. S. Conway
Dep.y adj.t General.

Extract from the Retrenchments made at the Office of Audit on the Disbursements of the Pay-master of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force for December 1806.

Dooley Bearers.

263. The Paymaster draws Pay and Batta for 1 Head Mastry, 8 Subordenate Mastries and 300 Dooley Bearers for November 1806 Amounting to Pagodas 570-9-306.

Which is Retrenched until the Authority for Retaining the above Bearers is forwarded as stated by

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by a Letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, dated 19th March 1806, to Lieutenant Colonel Lang then Commanding the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force, that the above Establishment was to be maintained only until a proportion of Bearers should be supplied from the Cooley Corps, and as a Detachment from that Corps, under charge of Mr. Conductor Fowler, has since joined and drawn Pay at Hydrabad in this Month's Accounts, the admission of the present Charge requires Special Authority of Government.

/A true Extract/

/Signed/ T. M. Hall

Paymr. Hyd. Subsy Force

/A True Copy & Extract/

/Signed/ T. H. S. Conway.

Dep.y adjut. General.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be desired to admit the Charges incurred with the Subsidiary Force of Hydrabad as stated in the foregoing Minute.

Minute

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Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander-in-Chief - Reporting the arrival of Cadets - Recommending Furloughs and an Extension of Furlough - and stating an error in the appointment of Serjeant Wickland to be Conductor of Stores -

The undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets having reported their arrival from Europe at the Adjutant Generals Office, I submit the Certificates of their appointment, and recommend that their admission on the Establishment be announced on public orders -

Messrs. Walter Hamilton
David Allan
John Watkins
John Tracey O'Reilly
James Weir.
Edmund Creswell
George Wm. Crooke
James Jameson
Chas. Young-Brown
Richard Bullivant
Michael James
Glencairn Gill
Chas. Hawkins Williams

Cadets of Cavalry

Cadets of Infantry

Messrs.

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Messrs. Robt. John Marr.
William Birch
John Herring.
Archd. Wilson
Wm. Jones Baker
Godfrey O'Reilly
Owen Jones.
Henry Seaton
Henry Mortimer
Walter Kenneth Ritchie
Thomas Watson
Henry Jones.
Edward Boydell
Willm. Richd. Thompson
George Newman
William Shaw

Cadets of Infantry.

Messrs. Horatio Buckworth and William Bonest have also reported their arrival as Cadets, but have not produced their Certificates.-

I have the Honor to submit appli-cations from the following Officers Viz.

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From Colonel Campbell Commanding the Southern Division asking leave of absence to the Presidency in the Month of July - on his Private affairs.

From Lieutenant Jones of the 13th. Regiment of Native Infantry requesting two Months extension of his leave to Bombay.

From Lieutenant Rebeds of the 2nd. Battalion 8th. Regiment of Native Infantry asking leave to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health on Sick Certificate.

By a mistake in transcribing the Name of a Serjeant recommended for Promotion as Conductor; Serjeant Wickens has been appointed instead Serjeant John Victory was the person whom it was intended to nominate. I have to request that this mistake may be Corrected.

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June 16th. 1807.

(Signed) J. J. Cradock
Lieut. General

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To the Right Honorable

Lord William C. Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to solicit your Lordships permission to visit the Presidency on leave of absence early in the Month of July to arrange some Private business.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Campbell

Colonel

Trichinopoly

9th June 1807.

Lieutenant William Jones

Madras Native Infantry

Bombay

Dear Sir,

It is necessary that you should file an Inventory and Account of the property in the Recorder's Court verified by Affidavit, before any thing can be done to adjust the Concerns; and it will not

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not be possible to effect this before July; I recommend you therefore to apply for an extension of your leave, rather than return here again, for your personal attendance cannot be dispensed with,

Bombay
16th. May 1807

Jam.s Stuart
&c. &c.

(signed) L. Humphrey

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to solicit your Lordship's notice, that you were pleased to grant me two Months leave of Absence to assist my family affairs at Bombay.

This permission reaches me at Trichinopoly on the 24th. of March, and I arrived at Bombay on the 20th. April.

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It became necessary to Commence proceedings in the Recorders Court and my personal attendance was absolutely necessary; the matters have been carried on with all practicable dispatch in view to my return, as prescribed by the order granted me, * the accompanying letter of my Solicitor will evince. Those, the importance of my applying for Four Months leave of absence, and as the Monsoon on this Coast will shortly set in, it will not be practicable to leave this for the Malabar Coast until September next.-

* with preceding par.

I have ventured to state these Circumstances to the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay and requesting orders to serve in a Corps at this Presidency during the above Interval and hope your Lordships will be pleased to approve my Conduct.-

The Interests now depending are of the greatest importance to me, and I have felt much Repugnance to leave them unsettled, and again to apply for Leave of Absence after the Monsoons,

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Monsoons, which would have been inevitable if I had left Bombay -

Bombay
18th May 1807.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) W. Jones
Lieut 1st Batt 13th Regt

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

My Lord,

Having for some time been afflicted with a Complaint for which I have been recommended to proceed to Sea I have to request from your Lordship's permission to proceed to Sea Accordingly I do for the benefit of my health - I have the honor to give Cert to a Surgeons Certificate recommending the measure -

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9th June 1807 -

I am &c &c

(Signed) P. Allen Roberts
Lieut 2 Batt 2 Reg Nt

I do hereby certify that Lieutenant Roberts

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of the 2d. Battalion 8th. Regiment Native Infantry has for these eight Months past laboured under a Venereal Complaint which not having yielded to the Medicines usually employed in such cases. I do therefore recommend his taking a Voyage to Sea for the re-establishment of his health.-

Black Town,
June 8th. 1807.

Signed A. B. Pepsfun
Asst. Surgeon to the 2d. Bn. 8th. N.I.

Order thereon.

Resolved that the Gentlemen Cadets, mentioned in the foregoing Minute, be admitted on the Establishment.-

The Commander in Chief is requested to ascertain the circumstances under which Mess.rs H. Buckworth and W. Bonest have arrived in India, and to state his opinion whether it will be proper to allow those Gentlemen to proceed to Cuddalore and to draw the allowances usually paid to Cadets at that Station.-

Resolved that the leave of Absence and Extension of Furlough requested by the Officers mentioned in the foregoing Minute be granted.- Ordered

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Ordered that the error which has occurred in the appointment of Serjeant Weekend to be a Conductor of Stores, be notified in the manner recommended by the Commander in Chief.

The Board proceed to read and pass the Orders on the following Proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 12th and 15th Instant.

Proceedings of the Medical Board - Reporting the arrival of Assistant Surgeons - Resolutions thereon.

Resolution of the Governor in Council 16th June 1807.

Medical Board 12th June 1807.

Resolved that the Assistant Surgeons mentioned in these Proceedings be admitted on the Establishment.

Messrs Thomas Sutton, Archibald Spiers, William Stewart Anderson, William Tolme, John Norris, and John Jones, having landed from the Honorable Company's Extra Ships General Stuart, and Devaynes; the Medical Board have the honor to report the Arrival of these Gentlemen - to forward the Counterparts

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Counterparts of their Covenants

and to recommend that

they be accordingly ad-

-mitted on this Establishment,

as Assistant Surgeons

(Signed) James Anderson,

Physician General.

" Terence Gahagan M.D.

& 2d Member Med. Board

" Andrew Berry

3d Member Med. Board

By Order of the Right Honorable

the Governor in Council

(Signed) George Strachey

Secy to Government

Resolutions of the Governor in Council dated 16th June 1807

Proceedings of the Board, Read the Report of the last meeting from Vizagapatam, the last Malabar, not yet received, & Extract Proceedings of the Board, & other Medical Business.

The Board approve the proceedings reported in these

Medical Board, 15th June 1807

1. Read a Letter from the Superintending Surgeon of the Mysore Division dated the 6th Instant stating

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Stating that in Consequence of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, (about one Hundred and eighty (180) strong) having last Sunday the 1st. of March last, twenty four men Chiefly by Fever and fits having at present upward of forty Sick in Hospital, he had suggested to Major General Macdowall Commanding the Division, the probable benefit that might be derived by a temporary Removal from their present Situation, and that the Sick were in Consequence to be next day removed to a Choultry 9 Miles distant on the Bangalore Road. The Superintending Surgeon also states that the Young men of the Corps were becoming dispondent.

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As the Medical Board appear fully impressed with the importance of this subject, the Governor in Council has no doubt of their particular attention to the early fulfilment of His Lordship's instructions regarding it.

2d The Medical Board have approved of this change in the hopes that it will immediately be beneficial by giving hopes of speedy recovery, and they have desired Mr. Boswell to give them frequent Communications of the effects.

3d The Medical Board have not yet been able to complete the Comparative Statement of the sickness of Seringapatam with the other Military Stations from the great Number of Medical Journals that it has been found necessary to have recourse to, but Considerable progress is now made & they hope soon to be able to forward it.

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4th The Medical Board have the honor to forward the General Return of the Sick of the Army, for the Month of March last.

(signed) James Anderson
Physician General
" Terence Gahagan M.D.
and 2d Member of Med. Board
" Andrew Berry
3d Member Med. Board

By Order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

(signed) George Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Board. State the application of Mssrs Abbott & Maitland for

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that their property in the Fort should be valued with reference to the value of the Ground proposed to be given to them in exchange in the Black Town - Submit a plan for securing the Banks of the Canal by means of Drains - also a Petition for Pensions on the part of the nearest Heirs of Captain Lascars, who died on Foreign Service - consider it exceptionable -

the receipt of a Letter from the Secretary of Government in the Military Department dated 20th. May, and to report that the necessary Orders have been given: -

2d. Having communicated to Messrs. Abbott and Maitland the desire of your Lordships in Council, that the House which they have tendered for sale to Government might be accurately valued, and having requested that the Chief Engineer might be allowed to examine it for that purpose, we received from those Gentlemen a Letter dated 29th. May, Copy of which we have the honor to enclose; in this Letter Messrs. Abbott & Maitland state that the Sum demanded by them was not what they considered the Money Value of the House, but an Estimated Value framed in relation to the actual Value of a given Quantity of the Ground which they had proposed to receive in lieu; they therefore object to abide by the Valuation that may now be put on the House, unless the Ground also be subject to a Valuation upon the same principles; under these Circumstances we have deferred taking any measures untill we receive the further Orders of your Lordships in Council. -

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The Chief Engineer has laid before us a Memorandum of the Superintending Engineer suggesting the expediency of having Drains constructed in different parts of the Island, and on the West Face of the Black Town to Convey to the Canal without injuring its Banks, the back Water which may collect during the Rains, and produce inconvenience by laying Stagnant, or destroy the Canal by being precipitated over its Banks; We have the honor to enclose Copy of the Memorandum, and as we entirely approve the Suggestion we strongly recommend the Measure to Government.

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We receive a Petition from sundry persons stating themselves to be the relations of Syrangs, Tindals and Lascars, who have lost their lives on foreign Service, and praying to be placed on the same Footing with the relations of the fighting Men, who have received pension for life; we have in consequence prepared a List of the Syrangs, Tindals and Lascars who have died on foreign Service, shewing the Names of the persons who are stated to be the nearest relations, and who claim the Arrears of Allowance & Pension; in submitting this List to your Lordships in Council

We

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We think it proper to state that persons of this description have not usually been considered as having a claim to pension, Your Lordships in Council was however pleased to Grant one under similar Circumstances to the Heirs of the Lascars who died while attached to the Residency at the Court of Dowlat Row Scin-diah. The universal admission of Claims of this nature would produce a great additional Expence, and we do not conceive that the Circumstances of the Service at present render the measure necessary; but we have considered it our Duty to submit the Claim to the Decision of your Lordships in Council.

We have the honor to be

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16th June 1807

My Lord,

&c. &c.

(signed) S. T. Cradock
" C. Trapaud
" P. A. Agnew
" Alexander Orr.
" J. Munro.
Captain

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Captain J. Marshall,

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Instant, forwarding to us a Copy of a letter addressed by you to Chief Engineer directing him to submit for the information of Government an accurate valuation of the House we have tendered for sale.-

In reply we beg leave to state to you for the information of the President and Members of the Military Board that the House shall at all times be in readiness for the inspection of the Chief Engineer. but that with regard to the valuation of it, as we made our's with reference to the value set by the Collector of Madras upon the Ground on which we proposed to receive payment for our House, we can only submit to a valuation upon the same scale. But if it be agreeable we will

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will consent to have both the ground in Question and the House valued by persons chosen on both sides, and abide by their valuation.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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May 29th. 1807

(Signed) Abbott & Maitland

(A true Copy)

Memorandum

The late heavy Rain has shown that the Banks of the Canal and circular road forming round the Island will not stand, unless Brick, or Stone conductors are made to let off the back Water into the River - Five or Six of these Conductors, or inclined planes, paved with Stone or Brick are necessary on the Island - Two or more Arched Channels should be made thro' the road between Broyer's Bridge, and the Burying Ground, to carry that great body of Water now laying behind the Bank of the Canal into the River, near the Body Guard Stables - along the Western Bank of the Canal the ground ought to be sloped

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Sloped, so as to form a Channel for the Rain Water which may run from Vepery and all along the Western Esplanade of the Black Town, to prevent its forcing its way over the Banks of the Canal; and that it may not be interrupted in its course, small Arched Drains will be necessary under the inclined planes of the Canal Bridges - there must also be a double Arched Drain across the Road which leads from the Bridge at the Burying Ground to the Sand Custom House, which will let off the whole of this back Water into the River behind the Body Guard Stables.

The body of Water which comes down the Ottary Nullah would be too great to Conduct in this way - it will therefore be necessary to let it enter the Canal through one of the proposed inclined planes of Masonry, immediately above the Bridge at the Bason. -

All the Water which runs thro' the Drains in the Black Town Wall should be Conducted between the Wall and Canal, till it meets the River at the Hospital Bridge - this will save the

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the inner bank of the Canal and effectually cleanse this very filthy part of Madras -

Should the above suggestions be adopted, there can be little doubt but that the improvements lately made will be found to answer every purpose expected from them; and if deferred I am confident that the Banks of the Canal and Circular Road way will be entirely destroyed by the Monsoon if any rain of consequence fall next Season -

/Signed/ Thomas Fraser
Sup.g Engineer

Fort St George
23rd May 1807

/True Copy/

List

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List of Deceased Syrangs Tindals and Lascars, who had been on duty with the following Corps on Foreign Service and were Stationed at the undermentioned Garrisons also shewing the Names of their Relations who Claim the Arrears of certain Years Cloathing and Pension for Life.-

No.	Names	Rank	Countries	Cloathing Stated to be due for the Years undermentioned. 1796.	1797.	1798.	1799.	1800.	1801.	1802	1803.	1804.	1805.	Date of Casualties, when embarked and on what Service	The Station to which they were attached to.	Names of the Relations or Claimants.
1.	Vencatachellum	Syrang.	Cuddalore											Embarked with the Troops ordered to Columbo on the 26th January 1796 as per Rolls in their Offices & died in 1792. per information	Columbo	Sister Moottanah, who says that the deceased had a Wife and Daughter at Cuddalore
"	Syappah	do	Moolapolah											do do do do do and died 20 Sept. 1796 as per do	do	Mother Venata Lelchumy.
"	Narroyin	Tindal	Nampurpalam											do do do do do and died in July 1806 as per do	do	Daughter Coomantoky
"	Mootoo	do	Pallarampoom											do do do do do and died 26 January 1799 as per	do	Wife Mamalee and Daughter Moolahmah.
5.	Vellyen	do	Trevanamally											do do do do do and died in 1806 as per do	do	Wife Chenny and a Daughter
6.	Nursoo	Lascar	Ongole											do do do do do and was killed by a Tyger on his Route to Condypoo 1803 as per do	do	Lelchumy Mother

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"	Vennon	d°	Chintatapet	"	"	1	"	D° D° D° D° D° fr. d° D° and dies 13th Jany 1799 as	d°	Mother Aggylandum
"	Nursoo	d°	Bundori	"	"	1	1	D° D° D° D° D° D° and dies in 1800 as fr. d°	d°	Ackey Sister in Law
"	Sackarah	d°	Nellore	"	"	1	1	D° D° D° D° D° D° and dies in 1800 as fr. d°	d°	Letchmy Mother
10	Mootoo	d°	Woopo Vellore	"	"	1	1	D° D° D° D° D° D° and dies in 1801 as fr. d°	d°	Letchmy Wife
"	Vernalnaiken	Lascar	Conjeveram	"	"	1	1	Embarked with the Troops ordered to Columbo on the 26th Jany 1796 as fr. Rolls in the Office and died in 1800 as fr. information	d°	Mother Veeramah
"	Rammen	d°	Seeraum	"	"	1	1	D° D° D° D° D° D° and absent on leave Struck off 1st Rest. 1801 as fr. Returns	d°	Wife Tulcaunum
"	Ramoodoo	d°	Trefutty	"	"	1	"	D° D° D° D° D° D° and dies by the fall of a Tree in 1799 as fr. d°	d°	Mother Moottamah

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	Names	Rank	Countries	Clothing Rates to be due for the Years undermentioned. 1796.	1797.	1798.	1799.	1800.	1801.	1802.	1803.	1804.	1805.	Date of Casualties, when Embarked and on what Service.	The Station to which they were attached to.	Names of the Relation or Claimants.
	Lal Mahomed	Lascar	Trichinopoly	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. and died 30th July 1797 as per Invoice	Columbo	Mother Hassaminah
15	Tansavaroyen	do	Mylapore	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Died in 1804 as per do.	do	Daughter Tanyamah
"	Veraspen	do	Chintatreput	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. died 20th Sept. 1796 as per Do.	do	Mootamah Wife
"	Chinian	do	Vullum	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. died 25 Nov. 1796 as per Do.	do	Allagumah Daughter
"	Vencatachellum	Tindal	Parayamillon	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do. with 76 Do. 78 Rajs. of Food on the 9th Janry 1796 as per Rolls in the Office and on his passage from Columbo to Madras in 1800	do	Wife Mootamah and Daughter Ponny
"	Cundappen	do	Tuckiampamba	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. and died Feby 1801 as per Rolls in the Office his Son was entertained as Boy on the Arsenal of Fort St George in 1801.	do	Wife Mootamah
20	Venkien	Lascar	Chintatreput	"	"	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. and was on duty to 1st Feb. in 1801 he is now doing duty at Cannanore as per Returns	do	Father Litchomanah and Mother Goroovayy

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	Tandavarayen	d°	Modiarpallam		1	1			d°	Wife	Vacations
	Narrayanaputtiah	d°	Madurah						d°	Mother	Mungatoy
	Saryachurrymutta	d°	Pondicherry		1	1			d°	Mattamah Mother	
	Gopaulo	d°	Chentaumoney		1	1			d°	Father Varalaxmy & Daughter Coopatchy	
25	Cuttien	d°	Pichinopoly		1	1			d°	Daughter	Maundaby
	Saryabomby	d°	Chaviamelle		1				d°	Chinnammah Mother	
	Kistnen	d°	Chengleput		1	1			d°	Mongaloy	Sister

Names	Rank	Countries	Clothing stated to be due for the Years undermentioned 1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	Date of Casualties, when Embarked and on what Service	The Station to which they were attached	Names of the Relation or Claimants
Chinapien	Lascar	Cuddalore											Do Do Do Do	Columbo	Mongaloy Mother
													Do Do and date unknown as per information		
Nurzoo	Syrang	Tandarder			1	1			1	1			Do with Lieut Scott of the Commissary depart 15 July 1795 as per Rolls in the Afric and died in 1805 as per Do	do	Venea Samaul Mother
M. Gunnadaury	Lindal	Malabar			1								Do Do Do Do		
													Do Do and died in 1799 as per do	do	Wife Eesy
Annalchelum	do	Cheenum			1	1							Do Do Do Do		
													Do Do and died 15 June 1803 as per do	do	Wife Annauch and Daughter Mungaloy
Vencatasen	do	Lemary			1	1				1	1		Do Do Do Do		
													Do Do and died Decr 1805 as per Do	do	Wife Sotchemy
Syaullum	do	Changlepet											Do as Lascar Do Do Do		
													Do Do and died 2nd February 1797 as per Do	do	Wife Nangamah

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	Paupen	Lascar	Nellore	1									
35	Cundappan	do	Vipery										
	Vencata amados	do	Vencatagherry	1									
	Kistnen	do	Pemery	1									
	Seeran	do	Chedumbaram										
38	Cunden	do	Jumboolam	1									
40	Mootoo	do	Patnum	1		1							
	Chowry	do	Pondicherry	1									

Do Do Do Do.

Do Do and died in 1799 as per do

Do Do Do Do

Do Do and died early in 1796 do

Do Do Do Do

Do Do and died in Octr 1800 as per do

Do Do Do Do

Do Do and died 1st Sept 1803 as per do

Do Do Do Do

Do Do and Returned in 1806 and died at Madras after being Pensioned

Embarked with Lieut Scott Commissary Depart: 15 July 1795 as per Rolls in the Office and died June 1803 as per do

Embarked with His Majestys 72d Regiment of foot on the 14 July 1795 as per Rolls in the Office and died 28 March 1805 by the fall of a Gun Carriage

Do Do Do Do

Do Do and died in 1800 as per information

do Wife Latchemy

do Mother Chelly

do Ellammah Sister

do Peryalomby Father

do Wife Annamaudy and a Daughter

do Wife Ponnummah

do Mother Coopamah

do Daughter Moottamah

Sent to Fort St George 14th June 1820

Names	Rank	Countries	Clothing States to be due for the Years undermentioned. 1796.	1797.	1798.	1799.	1800.	1801.	1802.	1803.	1804.	1805.	Date of Casualties, when Embarked and on what Service	The Station to which they were attached	Names of the Relations or Claimants
Vencatachellum	Tindal	Coromandel	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Embarked with Lieut. W. S. Lemerick Commanding of Provision on the 19th July 1795 as p. Rolls in the Office and died in 1800 as p. information	Columbo	Wife Rangamah
Mootoo	D.	Pondicherry	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	D. D. and died on his Route to Madras in 1798 as p. information	D.	Mootamah wife
Andyappen	Lascar	Chatalepet	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	D. D. and died in 1800 as p. information	D.	Lanjiah Sister
Murdoo	D.	Ellore	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	D. D. and died in 1800 as p. d.	D.	Nauchaurus Sister
Vandaraiyen	D.	Arcot	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	D. with Wife Lind Salamah 2 Sons July 1795 as p. Rolls in the office and died in 1797 as p. d.	D.	Veragie Mother
Rammen	D.	Vellore	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	D. D. and died in March 1801 as p. information	D.	Camraya Wife

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	Names	Rank	Countries	Clothing Batta to be due for the years undermentioned										Date of Casualties, when Embarked and on what Service	The Station to which they were attached to	Names of the relations or Claimants
				1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805			
55	Goorooadoo	Lascar	Nellore					1	1					Embarked with Captain Lt. Campbell Commanding 2d Battalions N.I. July 1795 as pr Rolls in the Office and died in 1800 as per information	Columbo	Naugummah Wife
	Patch	do	Cuddalore											Do Do Do Do Do Do and died in 1796 as pr do	do	Vellyammah Wife
	Mootoo Kittan	Syrang	Wolakoore					1	1			1		Do with Major C. Smart Deputy Quarter Master General Head Quarters as pr Rolls in the Office and died in July 1805 as pr do	do	Unkunymah Wife
	Sursomnaume	Lascar	Chengleput					1	1					Do Do Do in July 1795 as pr Rolls in the Office and died in 1802 as pr do	do	Tanjammah Wife and 3 Sons
	Veryah	do	Vizianagram					1	1					Do Do Do Do Do Do and died in 1800 as pr do	do	Father Convean
60	Permal	do	Tylaveram											Do Do Do Do Do Do and died date unknown as pr do	do	Ayanmah Mother
	Kistnappen	do	Vellore											Do with Captain John Norris of the Engineers 8th July 1796 as pr Rolls in the Office and died in 1797 as pr do	do	Mother Colundoy

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				D.o with Lieutenant		
				D.o Mr. Brigade of 1/2 Company for		
	Peryanan Syang Caryiperam		1 1	arty 14th July 1798 as per Rolls on	do	Wife Nangumah
				the Office and dat May 1801		
				as per do		
				D.o D.o D.o D.o		
	Nallatomby Lond: Lascar	Vellore		D.o and was Killed by Elephant on	do	Mootammah
				the 30th April 1798 as per information		Wife
				Received from Bengal Arty and died 10th		
	Baulamoter do	Chingleput	1 1	September 1803 as per information laid	do	Peryatomby
				Name appeared in the Returns		Father
				D.o D.o D.o D.o		
65	Ollaudy do	Bengal	1 1	D.o and died 12th February 1803	do	Woosancandoo
				as per D.o		Mother
				D.o D.o D.o D.o		
	Kareem do	do	1 1	D.o and died in 1800 as per do do	do	Wife Bajaum

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No.	Names.	Rank.	Countries	Clothing Rated the due for the Years undermentioned 1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	Date of Casualties, when Embarked and on what Service	The Stations to which they were attached to.	Names of the Relations or Claimants.
	Mootoo	Lascar	Annee	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Embarked with Lieutenant G. Grahams Quarter Master of Brigade Ordered on Service July 1795 as per Rolls in the Office and died in 1800 as per information	Columbo	Mother Ramalingem
	Kurtoo	do	Guntoors	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do with the Troops ordered to Columbo on the 26th July 1796 as per Rolls in the Office and died 1806 on his passage to Madras	do	Mother Letchemy who says that the deceased husband Wife and Son at Innocondah
	Mootoo	Tindal	Carnaticopoman	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Embarked with Capt Anderson Collector and died in 1797 as per information	do	Wife Anjee
70	Lemall	Lascar	Invalid	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Was Victualled in 1800 and Killed at Condy in July 1803 as per information his Name appears in the Returns	do	Mother Chinandy
	Sirmoogum	do	Tuticorin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do in 1799 and died 1800 as per	do	Wife

	Gourdoo	do	Oundore	"	"	Do died in 1806 on his passage to Madras	do	Nagha wife with a Son and 3 Daughters
	Gopaulloo	do	Nellore	"	"	Do in 1801 and died in do do do	do	Ashiguroo with a Son
	Saravanen	do	Chengleput	"	"	Do in 1797 and died in 1803 as per information his Name appears in the Returns	do	Wife Chillammah
75	Syasawmy	do	Putnum	"	"	Do in March 1802 as per Return and died at Condy 10th February 1803 as per information	do	Tannawah Daughter
"	Dasappen	Tindal	Madras	"	"	Embarked with the Troops ordered to Columbo 26th January 1796 as per Rolls in the Office and was Killed at Condy in 1803 as per information	Jem: comallee	Mother Mongas
"	Permall	Lascar	Trichinopoly	"	"	Do do do do	do	Mother allumaloo

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No	Names	Rank	Countries	Clothing Stated to be due for the Years undermentioned 1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	Date of Casualties when Embarked and what Service	The Nation to which they were attached to	Names of their relations or Claimants
"	Chinnamalee	Tindal	Chengleput	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Embarked with H.M. 72d Regt from Fort St. George July 1796 as per Rolls in the Office and died in 1799 as per information	Trinemalee	Wife Letchemy and Daughter Chingamalum
"	Venecatachellum	Lascar	Monroe	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do Do Do Do	do	Daughter Munatchy
80	Mootoo	do	Tiruvanamallee	"	"	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	Do Do Do Do and died in 1800 Do		
"	Paryanaum	do	Arcot	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do Do Do Do and was killed at Condy in 1803 as per information	do	Aunt of Tyatha proclaimed to be the deceased's wife and mother of Tiruvanamallee
"	Formall	do	Cantaumalee	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do Do Do Do	do	Sister Mongatay
"	Venecatachellum	do	Madras	"	"	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	Do Do Do Do with Major Edmund Dy 2d W.I. Guards as per Rolls in the office and was killed at Condy in July 1803 as per information	do	Daughter Letchemy

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Copy of Letter from Lieut Colonel Blane dated 11th George

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No	Names	Rank	Countries	Clothing stated to be due for the Years undermentioned 1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	Date of Casualties when Embarked and what Service	The Nation to which they were attached to	Names of the Relations or Claimants
"	Chinamaloo	Tindal	Chengleput	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Embarked with H.M. 73d Regt. from Portsmouth July 1796 as per Rolls in the Office and died in 1799 as per information	Trincomalee	Wife Sister Daughter Chengamalum
"	Venecatachelum	Lascar	Worore	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do Do and died in 1800 Do	do	Daughter Pranatchy
80	Mootoo	do	Tevvanarellore	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	and was killed at Condy in 1803 as per information	do	Aumsetyatha pre. sent which says that the deceased has a wife and mother at Tevvanarellore
"	Paryanaun	do	Arcot	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do Do Do Do	do	Anthony Brother
"	Sirmall	do	Cautaumelum	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do Do Do Do	do	Sister Mongatay
"	Vencatachelum	do	Maiaut	"	"	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	Embarked with Major Echmuty's Detachment of 37th Regt. Guards as per Rolls in the office and was killed at Condy in July 1803 as per information	do	Daughter Tatatay

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						From Trichinopoly 1795 Sick at Kelle		
	Andy	do	Trichinopoly			of N.I. and was killed at Condy in July 1803 as per information	do	Wife at Mungalgherry
						Embarked with Captain Norris of Engineers 8th July 1795 as per Rolls in the Office and died in Feby 1800 as per information	do	Wife Letchemy
85	Naroynen	Tindal	Secody					
						Do as Lascar with Do Do Do		
	Vencatasen	do	Mungalgherry			Do Do and was taken prisoner at Condy in 1803 as per Do	do	Ellamma wife
						Do with Do Do		
	Mootoonaiken	Lascar	Tenderanam			as per Do and was killed at Condy 1803 as per do	do	Ragamma wife

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Nothing stated to be due for the years enumerations. -

No.	Names	Rank	Countries	Date of Casualties, when Embarked and on what Service. -	The Station to which they were attached to -	Names of the Relations or Claimants. -
"	Naroynen	Lascar	Innacondah	Embarked with do. do. do. do. as per do. and was taken prisoner at Cuddy in 1803 as per information.	Interpreter & Commandar	Vellemmah Wife. -
"	Malyappah	do	Poondamallee	Entertained in 1797 and was killed at Cuddy in 1803 as per information. His name appears in the returns from Tuniomallee	do. -	Christiane Wife.
90	Valoyden	do	Arcot	do. do. do. do.	do	Naugatha Mother and Anthony Uncle.
"	Royapah	do	Pondichery	do. do. do. do.	do	Pechamah Sister, who says that the Father and Mother and Brother of the deceased are at Vellepooram.
"	Ramasawmy	do	Tonnondah	do. do. do. do.	do	Mungammah Wife.
"	Mootoo	do	do	do. do. do. do.	do	Balasammah Mother.

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				Clothing Stated to be due for the Years undermentioned							Date of Casualties when Embarked and on what Serviced	The Station to which they were attached to	Names of the Relations or Claimants
	Names	Rank	Countries	1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805			
														Do Do Do Do		
	Mustan Saib	Lascar	Trichinopoly	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	Do in 1805 as per information	Pointde Galle	Meeryaum Saib Father
	Mootoo	Tidal	Cuddalore	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do with half a Company Detachment of the 2d Battalion European Artillery 7th July 1795 as per Rolls in the Office and died in October 1799 on his Passage from Amboynah	Amboyna	Sowney Wife
	Ramahnaucken	do	Trichinopoly	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Embarked with Capt. C Lennox of Engrs ordered to the Eastward 1 Oct. 1795 and died in 1797 as per information	do	allamaloo Wife
	Rammen	Lascar	Madurah	"	1	1	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	Do with Captain T Gordon Commanding 17th Battalion Native Infantry 27th September 1795 and died on his Passage from Amboynah in September 1803 as per Rolls in the Office	do	Vennayjee Wife
														Do Do Do Do		
105	Mootoo	do	Arcot	"	"	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	and died July 1803 as per Family Certificate	do	Wife Very

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No.	Names	Rank	Countries	Clothing stated to be due for the Years undermentioned. 1796 1797 1798 1799 1800 1801 1802 1803 1804 1805	Date of Casualties when Embarked and on what Service.	The Station to which they were attached to	Names of the Relations or Claimants.
	Cundasseen	Lascar	Vandavassy	/ / / /	Embarked with Commissary of Provisions in July 1795 and died in 1803 as per information	Banda	Mother Mouryamah
	Mootoo	do	Trevalacary	/ /	Ordered on foreign service 1st July 1796 and died at Amboyna in Sept. 1801 as per information	Amboynah	Cennyammah Mother in law
115	Cundaaraminde	do	Rajabundar		Embarked with Mr R. Gibson Dep. Com. of stores for the 2d Expedition 4 July 1795 and for Holland and died 6 May 1796 as per Casualty roll received from Mallacca	Mallacca	Vauly Wife
	Rammen	do	Annee	/ / / /	and died in 1803 as per information	do	Mother chen. nammah
	Pulchay	do	Chentatre	/ / / / /	do and died in the Prince of Wales Island in November 1806 on the Passage to Madras	do	Vengammah Wife
	Veraffrah	do	Caulubby	/ / / /	do and died Mallacca in December 1803 as per information	do	Nauchaow Wife

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"	Vencataramen	do	Vellore	Do. Do. Do. Do. and died as per information but date unknown	do	Aeky Wife
120	Vencatachellum	do	Mungalakery	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	do	Naugy Sisters in law
"	Narayneri	do	Cuddalore	Do. with a Detachment 2d Battalion E. Artillery 8th July 1795 and died in 1802 as per information	do	Allagummah Sister in law
"	Vencataramen	do	Guntoore	Do. with the 1st Division 2d Regiment E. Infantry 31st August 1797 and died in 1803 as per information	do	Ammany Daughter
"	Pursooramen	do	Trevalacany	Embarked with Lieutenant William Targuhar of Engineers on the expedition against the Dutch Islands 11th July 1795 and died February 1806 as per Certificate of the Paymaster	Mallava	Ponny Wife
"	Rungen	2d Tindal	Trevanmaley	Attached to His Majesty's 74th Regiment of foot with Major General Wellesley's Division of the Army and died 30. Octr 1804 as per Rolls	Vellore	Ramanjee Mother and his wife Yaterajee

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Clothing Stated to be due for the Years undermentioned.-

No.	Names.	Rank.	Countries	1796.	1797.	1798.	1799.	1800.	1801.	1802.	1803.	1804.	1805.	Date of Casualties when Embarked and on what Service.-	The Station to which they were attached to.	Names of the Relations or Claimants.-
125.	Savan.	Lascar	Trichinopoly											Attached to H. M. 74th Regt. of foot with Major General Wellesley's Division of the army and died 25th October 1804 as per Rolls.	Vellore	Mooloogaloo Sister.-
"	Erodon.	do	Tanjore											Do. Do. Do. Do. and unaccounted for in Jany 1806 as per Rolls.	do	Moothyandoo Wife.
127.	Mordeon.	do	Colombo											Do. Do. Do. Do. and died 27th Oct. 1805 as per Rolls.	do	Buried both here, each says the deceased has a Wife at Vellore.-

Fort St. George
16th May 1807.-

(Signed) J. Marshall,
Secy Mily Board

Ordered.-

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

To the President and Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board. Desiring that the Negotiation with Messrs Abbott & Maitland may be considered at an end, and that the proposed improvement of the Canal may be authorized - declining to grant any Pensions to the Families of the Sufferers -

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

2d. His Lordship in Council considers the principle on which Messrs Abbott and Maitland have proposed to estimate the value of their House in the Fort, to be objectionable; and has accordingly relinquished the intention of Authorizing the purchase of that property.

3d. His Lordship in Council desires that you will submit an Estimate of the Expense, which would be incurred in constructing the Drains which you have recommended for securing the Banks of the Canals.

4. His Lordship in Council concurs in your opinion that it will not be expedient to Comply.

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comply with the request, which you have submitted on behalf of the Relations of the Syrangs, Tindals and Lascars, who have died on foreign Service.

Fort St. George
17th June 1807.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedient Servant
(Signed) George Strachey
Secy to Government

Read the following Letter from the Accountant General.

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Accountant General — Regarding the Exchange of Money at Tanjore.

Para 1st. I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's Letter of the 16th Instant, with its several Enclosures upon the subject of Loss by Exchange to the Troops at Tanjore:—

2nd. Captain Seward has placed the grievance in such various points of view, that it really becomes difficult to suggest a Remedy. Equal to meet the objections. He says the Troops suffer by being paid at the Bazar Exchange, that if

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if paid in Star Pagodas they would not even receive so much, not being a Current Coin, and that Government at other Stations, by fixing an Exchange, prevent the Troops being liable to the Imposition of Shroffs.

3d. It appears by the List Enclosed in Captain Seward's Letter, that the Troops have, with a very few Exceptions, for these last Three Years and a half, been paid in Gold Fanams, at the Relative Exchange of the Day to a Star Pagoda; and, till the present, it does not appear that any Complaint has been made.

4th. It is true, on the occasion now referred, the Number of Gold Fanams which the Troops have Received is less than in any other Month during the time above alluded to.- But Still if the 20½ Gold Fanams represent in the Bazar one Star Pagoda, which has always hitherto been the Standard of Exchange, it does not appear to me that the Troops have Suffered any Hardship.-

Vide Colonel Gardiner's Garrison Orders accompanying Captain Seward's Letter.

5th. The Troops would not be free from the imposition of Shroffs by fixing the Rate at which they

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they should receive their pay, at the Exchange of the Bazar will invariably fluctuate, from the Demand which must occur when the Troops are all at the same time Coming in with their Monthly Pay, to provide Necessaries for themselves and families.

6th "

I do not think it would be proper to offer to Government any decided opinion as to a remedy for the Evil Complained of without reference to the constituted local authority whose information on the Spot must enable them to afford information indispensably necessary to form a just opinion upon the subject.

7th "

Under this view of the Subject I have written to Mr. Wallace on the Event of the Troops not having yet received the Amount of their Allotment to pay it to them in the Coin in his Treasury by the Issue of which they are least liable to sustain Loss at the same time to State his Sentiments upon the Representation in Question, and to propose any Remedy which in his opinion, may prevent its Repetition.

8th "

From a view of the Letter now forwarded

for

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for my report, and referring back to Subjects of a Similar nature before sent to me, Beg leave to suggest to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the Expediency of an order directing all Officers, having reason to make Similar representations to that of Captain Seward, in the first Instance to address the local authority, and failing to obtain redress from them, then to forward the Case and correspondence upon the Subject at the same time. -

9th. I am induced to recommend this, first, from the Conviction that such local representations would frequently prevent the Necessity of troubling the Commander in Chief or Government upon the Subject, Secondly from the information, in the Event of reference, which, generally Speaking, such correspondence could not fail to afford in judging of the case here, and lastly because these Subjects generally come in the form of a Complaint, and Consequently place the Civil Officer of Government in the light of an accused man, in cases where he is seldom to blame: the Question, whether he is to blame or not, would at all Events be

decided

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decided upon at the same time as the accusation, were the Cor-
-respondence, I have recommended, to form a Part of this
reference.-

Fort St. George
Accountt Genls Office
20th May 1807

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servt
(signed) Cecil Smith
Accountt General

To The Chief Secretary to
Government

From the Accountant General - State the mode of payment best liable to be by the Troops at Tanjore

Para 1st

In my Letter of the 20th Ultimo,
I had the honor to State having referred to the Principal
Collector of Tanjore the subject of Sicca Rupees
to have been sustained by the Troops at that place.

2d

I have now the honor to send, Copies
of the Principal Collector's Reply and its enclosures, which
appear to me to confirm the Opinion which I had
given in the letter above alluded to, Viz. that during
the present fluctuating State of the Coinage under
this Presidency, the mode of Payment least liable
to

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to be attended with loss to the Troops, is that of the Bazar
Rate of the Day.

Fort St. George
Accountt. Genls Office
9th June 1807.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Accountt. General.

To the Accountant General
and Civil Auditor
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Para 1st. I am favoured with your letter
of the 20th Instant, regarding the loss stated to have
been experienced by the Troops at Tanjore in the late
issues of pay made to them.

2d. Having lately had occasion to com-
municate very fully with the Board of Revenue
on the subject of the Exchange between Star Pagodas and
Tanjore Fanams, as it has affected the Troops at Nega-
patam, and as my Statements on that subject are equally
applicable to the present reference I have the honor to
enclose

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enclose for your information two reports Nos 1 & 2. on the point in Question.

3rd "

It is an established fact, that the local coins in this part of the country, and I believe in every other part of it, vary in their relative value to other Coins current or otherwise, in the same manner as any other article brought into the public Markets when they are in abundance, and when there is little demand for them they are cheap, under contrary circumstances they are always dear.

4th "

When the currency is supplied by a regular Coinage, and when the Revenues (as in the case of their being under Kumanie) are not collected at stipulated periods, the local coins will remain in general circulation and may consequently be had rea-dily and at a cheap rate in exchange for any other Coin at which it may be Customary to commute them.-

5th "

But when there has not been a coinage of the local coins for a Considerable time when the Revenues to a large amount are nevertheless collected generally

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generally into those coins within a short period, and sent again into circulation but slowly; and when the uncontrolled interest of a numerous body of Shroffs, who are intimately connected with each other, and who are spread through every Market and Village in the Country, is to sell the local coins at as high a rate as they can procure for them, all the circumstances which can contribute to augment the price of the local coin may be said to be united in raising it.—

6th. The present high rate of the Tanjore Ganams, in exchange for any other coin appears to me, to be caused by the circumstances just alluded to.—

7th. A new Coinage of Tanjore Ganams, or what would be much better the annihilation of that local coin, and the substitution in its room of a general low Silver currency and the perfect control of the Shroffs, are the only effectual remedies which occur to Me, as applicable to the present evil—As to the Collections and Circulation of the Revenues, they must go on, the one Quick, the other slow as heretofore, Indeed from the following circumstances it would appear that the operation

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operation of the Collection and Circulation of the Revenue in local coins has not in the instance under reference at least, been of such weight as arguing generally on the Subject, they may seem to possess.

8th. The period when the Rate of exchange of Pagoras & Fanams began to rise was both in 1805 & 1806 in the Months when little, or no Revenue was Received and when considerable Sums were daily disbursing from the Revenue Treasury. In april 1805, the periods when the Collections were greatest the rate was 23-7 f. 6 p. Star Pagoda - in November of the same Year when there were no Collections of Consequence and no great Quantity of Fanams in the Treasury the rate of exchange was 22-19½ f. 6 p. In April 1806 the rate was 22-6 f. 6 p. per Star Pagoda in November of the same year 22-6. On the 15th of February last when there were not more than 40,650 Gold Fanams in the Treasury the rate of exchange was 22-1½ f. 6 p. per Star Pagoda.

N.B: At particular periods there have been upwards of fifty Lacks of Fanams in the Rev. Treasury.

9th. It is possible that the foregoing circumstances may have been occasioned by the Shroffs,

other

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who foreseeing the demand that must ensue for Specie,
when the Revenues are to be collected either hoard them with
an intention of raising the price, or by their influence
on the Money Market cause the same effect I cannot
however trace any thing like a Combination to this end
among the Shroffs, nor probably is it necessary to the ef-
fectual attainment of their object that any intimate
express understanding should designedly exist among
them. I have before said that the local coins are like other
Articles in the Market, the Shroffs are the Merchants
who deal in them and like other Merchants they
avail themselves of every occurrence to raise the value
of their Goods -

10th

A general opinion would appear
to prevail and the Garrison Order transmitted in
Captain Seward's letter to the Commander in Chief
seem to confirm the idea, that the Regulation of the
exchange depends on the Revenue Officers of Govern-
ment - This opinion wherever it may exist is
unfounded - The receipt and issue of the Revenue

may

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may as before said influence the rate of exchange, but the Offices of Revenue so far from regulating the Bazar rate of exchange, are regulated by it in the Conversion of the local Coins into those current at the Presidency. The Exchange" said in the Garrison Order to be "sent by the Principal "Collector" is nothing more than a Certificate issued from the Revenue Treasury at Trivalore to the Pay Office at Tanjore, stating that the Bazar rate of Exchange at Trivalore on the day when the Cash was issued there, was so much.-

11th " Formerly when the Collectors were vested with Authority in Matters of Police, it was Customary for them to interfere for the prevention of any undue Combination among the Shroffs but as it is now understood that all matters of Police are vested in the Zillah Judges, I should not feel myself authorized to intermiddle in cases of that nature.-

12th " In regard to the issue of Pay to the Pay Office at Tanjore it may be proper to remark that with few exceptions, caused by the Hale

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of the Treasury, the payments have generally been made in Tanjore Fanams. By this Coin the Troops are less likely to sustain loss than if they were paid in any other Coin usually received into the Treasury here. If Pagodas or Rupees were issued to them, they would be compelled to exchange them in the Bazar for Gold Fanams, and a demand being thereby occasioned for this latter Coin, the Shroffs would doubtless profit thereby to raise the exchange.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Wallace
Pl. Collector

Negapatam
21st May 1807.

To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge
Para 1st the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 16th ultimo
relative to the fluctuation of the exchange at
Negapatam

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Negapatam as stated in the enclosures from the Military Board, and the Officer Commanding Negapatam.

2d

In reply I have the honor to state that the assertion of the Officer Commanding at Negapatam relative to the high rate of Exchange between Tanjore fanams and all other Coins is perfectly Correct. The rate of exchange between Star Pagodas, and Tanjore fanams, has in former years fluctuated between 22 and 26 of the latter, for one of the former, but the rate has been for some Months past between 20 and 21 ½ fanams per Star Pagoda.

3.

Altho' this very great difference between the former, and the present rates, must be in great Measure Caused by the Shroffs in the Province, Still it must likewise be in some respect attributed to the want of a New Coinage of Tanjore fanams. A Coinage of these fanams took place formerly every four or five Years whereas the last Coinage took place at Negapatam in the year 1799 - no Coinage of fanams I believe took place under the Rajah's Government for many years previously to the transfer of Tanjore to

the

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the Company.

4th The opening of the Mint at Negapatam for the Coinage of Fanams to the extent of one, or two Lacks of Chuckrums, would doubtless be the most Certain Meand of reducing the Exchange of Fanams to its ordenary level. But adverting to the intended introduction of a New and General Coinage, this is a Measure which I would not recommend, as it might tend only to embarrass the Establishment in these Districts of the proposed new Coinage into these Districts be not very Speedy, I would submit to the Consideration of Government whether a limited Coinage of Tanjore Fanams for the Accomodation, and relief of the public would not be proper.

5th But as some time must necessarily elapse, before the introduction of the New General Coinage or the Circulation of Tanjore new Fanams, should a limitted Coinage of them be permitted, can take place, I would beg leave to suggest as a Measure of relief to the Troops, that the issues from the Revenue

Treasury

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Treasury for their Pay shall be made at the Medium Bazar Exchange of Negapatam and Tanjore, (the two Stations at which Troops are Quartered) during the last Year.

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

(Signed) J. Wallace
Prin.l Coll.r

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. G. Turnbull
a/sst. Coll.r

Negapatam
6th May 1807.

To the President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1st. Your Secretary's Letter of the 11th Instant, Containing a further reference regarding the Rate of Exchange, between Tanjore Fanams and Star Pagodas, at Negapatam, I have the honor to Acknowledge.

2d My report under Date the 31st January

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January 1806.- had reference to the Exchange between
these Coins when it was at its ordinary level, and that
reference was occasioned by a Claim on the part of the
Officer Commanding the Depoy Corps at Tanjore, that
the issues to the Troops should be made at the rate adopt-
-ed for bringing the Revenues to Accounts at which
rate the demands in the Revenue Department
had been invariably paid.-

In answer to this Claim, it was
3d
stated, that the issues from the Revenue Treasury,
to the Pay Department, was always made at
the Bazar rate of Exchange, without reference to
the Book exchange, which the former sometime,
fell short of, and at other times exceeded.-

4th
The present Reference has been
occasioned by the well Grounded Statement ap-
plicable as well to all other parts of Tanjore as to
Negapatam, and affecting the Inhabitants, as
well as the Troops, that the Bazar rate of Exchange
of Gold Fanams is higher than it has been at any
former period on Record.-

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5th. It was under this circumstance of the Extraordinary high price of Fanams (the Causes of which I endeavoured as well as was in my power to explain in my Letter of the 6th. Instant,) that I proposed as a Measure of relief to the Troops that the Medium rate of last Year should be adopted in the issue of their pay, until a New Coinage of Tanjore Fanams, or the introduction of a new General Currency, should provide a Remedy for the Extraordinary loss, which they appear lately to have sustained.—

6th. The Medium rate of Exchange, in the Bazar, during the last Year was 22 Gfs. 511/763 per Star Pagoda. The average rate of the present Year has been hitherto 20 Gfs. 363/384.—

7th. I shall take this opportunity of stating to the Board, that both in Tanjore and Trichinopoly, a very great Scarcity of Copper Coin, is universally felt. The distress occasioned by this Scarcity is particularly felt by the poorer Classes, and by the Troops, and it is so great as to induce me to request the Board to bring to the early notice of Government the necessity which exists for remitting to these Districts, as early as may be practicable

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practicable, a considerable Quantity of Copper Coin.-

8th " By the orders of the Board I received some time ago 4 Candy 11 Maund 7 5/8 Viss of Copper from the Collector at Ramnad, but as the Quantity of Dubs to be procured by the Coinage of this Quantity of Copper would be very inadequate to remove the Scarcity Complained of, and as the Coinage of it might tend to embarrass the introduction of the new Coinage, Without affording even any Material temporary advantage, it has been remained as it was received.-

9th " Should it be practicable to remit for the Currency of these Districts an Adequate Supply of the new Copper Coin, the Copper received from Ramnad, can be sent back by Sea, to the Presidency - But should the Supply of new Copper Coin, be attended with any Considerable delay, I would submit the expediency of opening immediately the Copper Mints of Tanjore, and Trichinopoly, for the Coinage to the Necessary extent into Dubs of such Copper as may be brought by Merchants for that purpose - The

Copper

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Copper from Ramnad may therefore be applied to the same object.—

I have the honor to be

Negapatam
15th. May 1807

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Wallace

Principal Collector

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. G. Turnbull

asst. Sec. Govt.

(True Copies)

(Signed) Cecil Smith

Accountt. General

Ordered that the Accountant General be furnished with the following Reply—

To The Accountant General
and Civil Auditor,

Sir,

To the accountant Genl. and Civil auditor Relative to the loss sustained by the Treasurer from the fluctuating value of the Gold Fanams. States it to be a real evil, and that a more effectual remedy must be applied than either he has proposed. that the attention of

Para 1st. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 20th. Ultimo and of the Statement

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2nd

His Lordship in Council having attentively considered the papers which you have submitted relative to the late fluctuation in the exchange of Gold Fanams in the province of Tanjore, His Lordship is led to think that a more effectual remedy than that which you have suggested will be necessary for the removal of the inconvenience to the troops, which that fluctuation appears to have occasioned.-

3rd

It appeared from the correspondence of the Principal Collector of Tanjore that the Troops in that province have been generally paid in Gold Fanams, which have been issued at the exchange of the Day; and as that exchange has fluctuated from the usual rate of 25 & 24 Gold Fanams per Star Pagodas, to 21- and 20, the rate at which the disbursements of April last were made, it cannot be doubted that the loss to the troops has been considerable; and that any order for regulating the Military payments at the Bazar rates of the Day would only produce a Continuance of the grievance of which they with apparent justice complain.- It

of the Magistrates has been called back as a Circumstance that orders have been given for circulating offerings in the District, and that the expediency of coining a certain quantity of small Gold and Silver Coins for that purpose will be considered. also that orders have been given for discontinuing the Custom of paying the troops & the Revenue Servants at a different rate of exchange.

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4th

It is probable that the Troops would not be liable to material hardships under the operation of this measure, if the high rate in the exchange of Gold Fanams proceeded from an actual scarcity of that Coin, as it might be inferred that the prices of commodities would be regulated in the proportion; but where the scarcity arises from causes of a fictitious Nature as appears obviously the case in the instance which has occurred, the result must be different, and the loss must be real and not apparent. His Lordship in Council considers the conclusion to be supported by the Statement of the average Exchange of Gold Fanams referred to in the letter of Captain Read from which it is established that during 1803 to the present period the exchange has varied from 25 7/8 to 20 1/2 and that a variation of nearly two Gold Fanams took place in the course of two Months. It may be safely inferred that a fluctuation of this nature could not have taken place, if sinister means had not been used to embarrass the usual course of exchange; and this inference is entirely confirmed by the facts stated in the correspondence of the Principal Collector who appears to ascribe much of the

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To the Secretary to the Combination of Shroffs.-

Sir

As this cannot be otherwise considered than as directly connected with the Department of the Principal Collector, I am by his Lordship in Council to direct that you will take the necessary steps for discontinuing the practice of Shroffs in the Collection of the Revenues.

Judicial authorities of the Province of Tanjore; but His Lordship is of opinion that the most effectual relief which can be afforded is by augmenting the quantity of small Silver Coins to be Circulated in the province of Tanjore.-

His Lordship in Council has directed that the Principal Collector, through the Board of Revenue, for coining as large a quantity of Copper Currency as might be practicable; and it may be eventually judged advisable to authorize the Coinage of a quantity of small Gold and Silver Coins to be Circulated in the province of Tanjore.-

His Lordship in Council has directed that the practice of paying the Revenue Servants in that province, at a different rate of Exchange from the Troops, shall be in future discontinued.-

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

(Signed) George Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt.

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered also that the original Papers relative to the Exchange of Gold Fanams in the Province of Tanjore be transmitted to the Mint Master; and that he be desired to state his opinion whether there will be any material objection to the Coinage of a small Quantity of Silver Currency for that Province, or of a supply of Gold Fanams as the means of immediate relief, under the inconvenience which has occurred.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Fort William.

George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to the Government at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Fort William Relating to a Retrenchment of the allowances drawn by Captain Young of His Majesty's 76th Regt. while holding a Commission in His Majesty's 34th Regt.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor General in Council to transmit to you a Copy of a Report from the Military Auditor General at this Presidency on the subject of an advance made to Captain Young of His Majesty's 34th Regiment for the purpose of being communicated to the Military Auditor General

at

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at Fort Saint George, and to desire that such mea-
-sures may be taken as shall be necessary for the
adjustment of the advance made by Order of the Supreme
Government to Captain Young on account of his Pay
and Allowances, or if there should be any objection to
such an adjustment at your Presidency that such
information may be given as shall enable the Governor
General in Council to adopt measures for the recovery
of the advance in Question. -

Fort William
the 2d April 1807.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) Richd Parry
Secy Mily Departt.

To The Honorable
Sir George Barlow Bart.
Governor General in Council
&c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

1st I have the honor to ac Know-
-ledge the receipt of Mr. acting Secretary Wills letter
dated

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dated the 5th ultimo, transmitting Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster General dated the 30th January last, with its enclosures; and directing me to Report on the Subject of an advance made to Captain J. Young late of His Majesty's 34th Regiment of Foot.

2d. It appeared from the Documents which accompanied Mr. Assistant Secretary Wills letter dated the 30th December 1805, transmitting Captain Young's application for an advance for my report, that Lieutenant J. Young of the 8th Regiment of Light Dragoons (at that time serving with the Grand Army in the Field) was by General Orders of the Commander in Chief, dated 14th October 1805, promoted to a Company in the 34th Regiment of Foot, serving under the Presidency of Fort Saint George, from the 7th June 1805: and by General Orders of the 16th November 1805, Captain Young was removed from the 34th to the 76th Regiment of Foot, — from an affidavit made by Captain Young

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Young before one of the Magistrates of Calcutta, it appeared that five Months pay and allowances were due to him as Captain in the 34th Regiment of Foot, not having received any Money on account of that Regiment; Captain Young therefore made an application for an advance equal to the Amount of arrears due to him from His Majesty's 34th Regiment, which he estimated at about Rupees 2,200.—

3rd

In the report which I had the honor to submit on the 16th January 1806. I stated that I was not enabled to ascertain from the Regulations of Fort Saint George, the rates of allowances to which an Officer in Captain Young's predicament was entitled, previously to joining his Corps; I presumed however to suggest, that a Sum equal to the lowest rate of allowances granted to Officers at Fort St. George, Viz. King's Pay, difference between King's and Company's pay half Batta and Gratuity - (being the allowances

to

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to which an Officer removed from a Regiment serving at Fort St. George, to one serving in Bengal would have been entitled,) for the period Captain Young stood appointed to His Majesty's 31st Regiment, might be advanced to him, and charged to the debit of the Presidency of Fort Saint George; and you were pleased, Honorable Sir, to authorize a Sum equal to those allowances to be advanced accordingly.-

4th. I am unable to ascertain from the letters of the Paymaster General of Fort St. George, or of the Paymaster to the 31st Regiment, the principle on which an objection to the charge, being carried to the Debit of that Presidency, is founded.- From the Circumstance however of the Paymaster General at Fort Saint George having written back part of the advance made to Captain Young to the debit of the Presidency of Bombay; altho' Captain Young does not appear to have been appointed to any Corps under that Presidency; and the Paymaster of the 31st Regiment

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Regiment having been retrenched, by the Military Auditor General at Fort Saint George, such pay and allowances as he had drawn Agreeably to Captain Young's appointment, I am inclined to think the objections of the Accountant General at Fort St. George to the admission of the Charge, originated in a mistake. -

5th " I would therefore beg leave to suggest that a Copy of this Report may be transmitted to Fort St. George; being satisfied the Military Auditor General there, will take such Measures as may be necessary for the adjustment of the advance made by order of the Supreme Government to Captain Young on account of his Pay or allowances; or if there should be any impediment thereto he will furnish such information as will enable the Governor General in Council to adopt such Measures for the recovery of the advance in Question as may be requisite. -

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

(Signed) Wm. Greene

Mily and Genl

Military and Genl Office 27th March 1807.

Mily and Genl

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P.S. Beg leave to return the enclosures of Mr. Acting Secretary Hill's Letter.

/A True Copy/

/signed/ W. Grant.

George Buchan Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government.

asst. Adjt. Genl. Mily. Depts.

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjt. General to the King's Troops. States that Furniture is required for his Office.

I have the honor to enclose an Indent for Articles much Wanted in this Office, which I request you will be pleased if necessary to lay before Government that Instructions may be given to the Barrack Master, to furnish them as soon as they can be conveniently provided.

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

Dep.y Adjt. Genl's Office
Fort St. George 6th. June 1807.

/signed/ A. Nicolson
D.y Adj.t Genl. K. Troops.

Order thereon.

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters be furnished to the Military Auditor General for Consideration and Report.

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From Lieutenant Stock, Commissary of Prisoners.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

I would wish to appropriate the Pay and Allowances of every description from Lieut. Stock. Requests that his agent may draw his Pay &c. while absent on duty.

which I may be entitled to during my absence from the Coast on duty, I beg you will request the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to grant the necessary authority to enable my Agents to receive them.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George

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(Signed) A. Stock

Lieutenant

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

Order thereon

From Major General McDonald.

George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary

Sir.

My absence from Madras preventing

Major General McDonald requests to be relieved from the duty of a Member of the

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the Seringapatam Prize Committee.

preventing me from paying that attention to my duty as one of the Members of the Board of Officers on Seringapatam Prize which I could wish, and the recent appointments by Government having rendered the Meeting perfectly efficient, I trust His Lordship in Council will indulge me with permission to resign.

Seringapatam
June 1st 1807.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hay Macdowall

Resolution thereon.

Resolved and Ordered Accordingly.

From Lieutenant Colonel Doveton.

To J. Buchan Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Doveton - Reports the delivery of the Prize Jewels, to the Resident at Hydrabad, on account of the Nizam.

I have the honor to acquaint you with my arrival at this place Yesterday, and of my having delivered the Jewels intrusted to my Charge, on account of His Highness the Nizam, to the Resident at this place, agreeably to the accompanying Receipt.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) J Doveton
Lt. Colonel Revd

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Received from Lieutenant Colonel Doveton the Prize Jewels allotted to His Highness the Nizam according to the Numbers specified in the following List.

	Sultany Pagodas	Fs.	Cash.
No. 518	1600		
" 658	650		
" 652	1400		
" 603	180		
" 602	180		
" 661	50		
" 659	550		
" 612	305		
" 509	150		
" 528	50		
" 591	100		
" 657	1400		
" 535	50		
" 558	50		
" 563	50		
" 359	80		
" 531	50		
" 660	800		
" 663	2000		
" 1	25000		
" 584	150		
Colonel Gowdie's Jewels	3360		
Total Sultany Pagodas	38105		

Hyderabad
May 20th. 1807.

(signed) Thomas Sydenham
Rest.

Ordered

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Orders thereon.

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters be furnished to the Prize Committee and to the Agents for the Captors of Seringapatam.

Ordered also that the Committee be informed that the Board consider it to be extremely desirable that their Proceedings should be brought to an early termination.

Ordered that the following Letter be dispatched to the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara.

To Colonel Forbes

Commanding in
Malabar and Canara

Sir,

It having been represented to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that you had given orders for either recalling or

To the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara Disapproves the detention at Cundapoor of part of the Crew landed from the Portuguese Vessels, and Conclusion that the orders sent to him on the 13th Inst. will

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with this transmit
a list of the names
of the Crew

or Chalting at Cundapoor a part of the Crew of the Portuguese Ship which was wrecked on the Coast of Canara, I am directed to inform you that His Lordship in Council cannot but consider such a measure to have been improper, unless it was founded on some very urgent cause of which no explanation has been received.—

You were informed by a Letter under Date the 13th Instant of the opinion of His Lordship in Council that the duty connected with the case of the Sufferers in the late Wreck should belong to the Department of the Civil Magistrate, and His Lordship concludes that you will have paid due attention

to

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to the sentiments expressed on that subject.

I am
&c. &c.

(signed) J. Buchan
Chief Sec. to Govt.

Col. Wharton

R. Fairlie

Murdoch

Wm Allan

Oakes

Office Lett.
Colombo 16 June 1807.
Pages 166 Copied
by A. Lazaro
for Nov. 1807.

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Diary

Sent the following Letters.—

To Major General Macdowall

Commanding the Forces in

Mysoor

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant. and to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council has been pleased to comply with your request for permission to resign your appointment as a Member of the Seringapatam Prize Committee.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Sd. G Strachey

Secy. to Government.

To the Committee for the final Adjustment of

Seringapatam Prize Money

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Right Honble the

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Sent the following Letters.—
To Major General Macdowall
Commanding the Forces in
Mysoor
Sir.
I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant. and to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council has been pleased to comply with your request for permission to resign your appointment as a Member of the Seringapatam Prize Committee.—
I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Sd. G Strachey
Secy. to Government.
To the Committee for the final Adjustment of
Seringapatam Prize Money
Gentlemen.
I am directed by the Right Honble the
Fort St. George
1st June 1807

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17th the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from Major General Macdowall and to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council has been pleased to comply with the request therein sub- -mitted. —

2 His Lordship in Council deems me at the same time to take this occasion of repeat- -ing, that it is extremely desirable that the proceed- -ings of Your Committee should be brought to an early termination. —

Fort St George
17th June 1807

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sirs
[Signed] G. Strachey
Sec.y to Govern.t

Received and sent the follow- -ing Letters entered in M B Nos. 37. 38. 39. 40 and 41. —

From the Secretary to the Govt. at Fort William —

From Mr. Parry with a Packet to the Secretary and Accountant to the Military Board. —

From the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief —

From Lieutenant Colonel Reynell —

17 Reynell - Recommending an advance to Major Lloyd of the Bombay Establishment. -

From the Acting Brigade Major of Kc. Troops

From Captain St. George - For advances to Officers of His Majesty's Regiments being authorized. -

To the Military Audr. General -

To the Military Auditor General - with Copy of Letter from the Adjutant General to the Kings Troops relative to furniture required for his Office - also from Lieutenant Stock, and desiring the - Allowances of that Officer may be paid to the persons he may empower to receive them - With an Extract from the Proceedings in this Department. -

To Ditto

To Ditto - Desiring he will authorize an advance to Major Lloyd of the Bombay Native Infantry - Also to certain Cadets of the - Bombay Establishment - and to His Majesty's Officers belonging to Regiments lately arrived from England. -

18 Received and sent the following Letters entered in MB Nos. 42. 43. 44. 45 46. -

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From Lieutenant Colonel Orr —

From the Military Auditor General — Reporting on the General Estimate of Cash for payment of the Army for July 1807. —

To Ditto

To the Military Auditor General — Desiring he will authorize an advance to Lieutenant Hunter of the Bengal Native Infantry. —

To Ditto

To Ditto — With Copy of letter from the Secretary of the Government at Fort William, respecting an advance made to Captain Young of His Majesty's 34th Regiment. —

To the Chief Engineer & Military Aud.r Gen.l

To the Chief Engineer and — Military Auditor General — With Extract from Proceedings in this Department. —

To the President and Members of the Seringapatam Prize Committee —

To the President and Members of the Seringapatam Prize Committee — with Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Dowton —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

Friday the 19th June 1807

Lieutenant General Sir J. F. Cradock K.B

Commander in Chief

William Petrie and
Thomas Oakes ... } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

The following Minute of the Commander in Chief is recorded. —

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief — Submits the result of the Persian Interpretors examination of the Cadets at Cuddalore — recommends Eighty two Cadets for promotion; and records a favourable opinion of the present state of the Institution —

Being well aware of the Interest which the Government takes in the institution at Cuddalore, and particularly in that part which relates to the Instruction of the Gentlemen Cadets in the Native Languages, I directed Lieutenant Colonel Munro, as Persian Translator, to accompany me in my visit to Cuddalore, for the purpose

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purpose of undertaking a strict Examination of those Cadets, who were reported by the Commanding Officer, Captain Pollock, to have made such proficiency, as would justify their being removed from the Institution to join the Battalions, to which they stand appointed.

I have now the honor to lay before Government the Report made to me by Lieutenant Colonel Munro, of the result of his several examinations of the three Senior classes, on the 17th, 18th, and 19th Instant, and am gratified to observe, that Eighty six Cadets have, in his opinion attained a Knowledge competent to admit their being immediately sent to their respective Regiments.

Upon the removal of this Detachment, there will still remain at Cuddalore near one hundred and Twenty Cadets, but as every possible means have been adopted, to impress upon their Minds, the necessity, as well as the advantages of attending to their Studies, and as

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the prejudice which did exist against learning the —
Native Languages, is in a greater measure removed,
I have every Hope, that in the course of a few Months,
another large Detachment will be proposed to join —
their Regiments. —

I have much pleasure in stating
to the Board, that I had just cause to be satisfied
with the general appearance and Knowledge of
Military duty displayed by the Cadet Company,
when I reviewed them on the Morning of the 19th
Instant, and I feel a confidence in asserting that
the utmost care and attention has been paid to
this trust, by Captain Pollock, and the other —
Officers attached to the institution at Cuddalore —

The Encomiums passed on the
Hindoostance Instructor, Lieutenant Stewart, in
the latter part of Lieutenant Colonel Munro's
Report, are as creditable to that Officer as I am
persuaded, they are well merited; and I Cordially
concur in Lieutenant Colonel Munro's opinion
that to Lieutenant Stewart's laborious and —

unremitting

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Unremitting attention may be safely attributed the pro-
gress which has been made by the Gentlemen Cadets
in the acquirement of the native Languages

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24th April 1807

/Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Pmt. Gen.

His Excellency
Lieutenant General Sir J. F. Cradock K.B
Commander in Chief

Sir.

I have the honor of Reporting
to Your Excellency the result of my examination
of the Cadet Company on the Hindoostanee Lan-
guage.—

On my arrival at Cuddalore
I received from the Officer Commanding the Cadet
Company the letter and List which accompany
this Report; and I considered it to be proper to
examine the Cadets who were represented to have
made a progress on the study of the Hindoostanee
Language in the order of the classes into which
they were divided by Captain Pollock.

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The following mode of exa-
mination was adopted. The Gentlemen of the first
class were required to translate into English a —
difficult Hindostanee fable which they had not
previously seen. On submitting their translations
to me they were desired to read the original aloud,
and were questioned regarding the construction
and idioms of the Language. passages from the
Standing Orders of the Army were then given to them
for the purpose of being translated into Hindo=
stanee. They made the Translations in my presence,
without assistance from one another, or from
Books.

The Gentlemen of this class
read the Hindostanee with fluency; their trans=
lations were in general correct; and they displayed
a considerable Knowledge of the construction
of the Language, although from the want of
practice they cannot as yet speak the Hindo=
stanee with fluency. Yet the Knowledge which
they have acquired of it will enable them to

attain

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attain facility of speaking with readiness into-
-ver opportunities of practice should be afforded
to them, I consider it proper to submit to your
Excellency's notice the names of the following
Gentlemen who in my judgement, have made
the greatest proficiency in the acquirement of
the Language: Viz.t Alves, Dow, Higgons, Agnew
Saunders and Smyth. Lieutenant Stuart has
informed me that these Gentlemen have
remarkable for their steady application to the
study of the Hindostanee; and I am persuaded
that the measure of distinguishing their assiduity
by some mark of the approbation of your
Excellency or of Government would contribute
materially to excite the emulation, and ad-
-vance the progress of the Gentlemen pursu-
-ing at the institution.

Nearly the same mode of
examination was observed with the second
class, a less difficult composition was given
them for translation into English and they

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were allowed the assistance of a Dictionary and Grammar, some of them declined this assistance; and the whole of them read the Hindoostanee, and made translations into English and Hindoostanee with tolerable correctness. They require practice only, to speak the Language with sufficient fluency.

The third class were required to read Hindoostanee dialogues, and translate them into English. This task they performed with considerable facility. practice in speaking will enable the Gentlemen of the third class — with the knowledge which they already possess, to carry on the usual communications with the sepoys. but it would be desireable that they should continue the regular study of the Language for some time longer. The considerations stated by Captain Pollock urge the necessity however of promoting this class, although under other — circumstances it would be expedient to retain them at least three months longer with the

institution

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institution. The great Number of Cadets now at Cuddalore, and the divided state of their quarters preclude the possibility of their Studies being superintended by the present establishment of instructors: with the attention necessary to successful prosecution: and the measure of retaining the third class longer would considerably retard the progress of the others. It is unlikely that the same circumstances will again render it necessary to dismiss the Cadets from their studies before they have been completed. It is not probable that so great a Number of Cadets as are nowat Cuddalore will be again assembled there: and from the Spirit with which the Hindostanee begans to be studied the Cadets will not in future remain so long with the Company as they have hitherto done. I am therefore induced to concur with Captain Pollock in recommending that all the Cadets whom he has mentioned may be promoted to Commissions on the present

occasion

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Occasion. — Captain Pollock having represented that the progress of some of the — Cadets was entirely disproportionate to the length of time during which they have been engaged in the Study of the Hindostanee, I particularly examined those Cadets. Their names are — Colebrooke, Maltby, Bolton, Henderson, Dore, Poulton, Gilbert, Dunbeaume, Keating, and Townshend; and I regret to have occasion to report that although they have been several — Months at Cuddalore they all betrayed the greatest ignorance of the rudiments of the — language. —

The Arrangements adopted by Lieutenant Stuart for conducting the Studies of the Gentlemen Cadets are in my judgement entitled to considerable praise. The extensive knowledge of the Hindostanee Language — professed by this officer, the Mildness of his manners, and his patient and indefatigable attention to his duties eminently qualify him for the

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the difficult charge with which he is intrusted: and the great progress made by the Gentlemen of the institution in the acquirement of the Hindostanee language during the last two Months must be principally ascribed to Lieutenant Mearteexample and exertions.

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20th April 1807

I have the honor to be
Hs. Hs.
Signed J Munro
Persian Translator

To Lieutenant Colonel Munro
Quarter Master General of the Army

Sir,

I have herewith the honor to transmit for your information the Report and general progress of the Cadet Studies in Hindostanee, and I beg leave to suggest the propriety of the Cadets from N.1 to 86 inclusive being recommended for commissions on the grounds which I shall proceed to state according to the following gradations of their progress.

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The Gentlemen from N° 1 to 34 inclusive have made a very considerable proficiency, and can translate from Hindostanee into English, and from English into Hindostanee with much facility without the assistance of a Dictionary they have likewise made some progress in speaking.

The Gentlemen from N° 35 to 51 inclusive have made a less, though considerable progress and can translate from English into Hindostanee and vice versa with the assistance of a Dictionary; they have likewise made some progress in speaking.

The Gentlemen from N° 52 to 86 inclusive have for many months paid unremitting attention to the study, and though they have made a less Proficiency Yet in some instances this must attributed to less retentive memories, hence the want of practice I conceive so necessary for the Majority of this last Class that I am of opinion they would not much improve

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improve their degree of progress at Cuddalore; and their longer continuance will very much contribute to impede the progress of others by Lieutenant Stuarts being compelled to devide his time and attention amongst so many.—

I beg leave to assure you for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief that I have been particularly cautious in not recommending any for promotion who have not for some Months exerted the utmost inclination and ability to acquire the Language, and though in a less extensive state of the Cadet Company the progress would certainly have been more considerable yet our present dispersed and devided state and the little apparent Probability of the Barracks being completed for some weeks, renders a reduction on the strength of the Company at this time very much to be desired.—

April 16th 1807
New Town

/Signed/ J Pollock
Capt. Comdg.

Report

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Report of the three Hindoostance Classes examined by

Lieutenant Colonel Munro.

Names

First Class

Higgins

Agnew

Alves

C Dun

Saunders

H Smith

Webbe

Mc Glashan.

Jackson

Crossdaile

Scoones

Hancock.

Pratt

Wilkins

Kinnear

Fyfe

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Names of first class

Fyfe
Cameron
Borthwick
Farguharson
20 Birkett
Aitken
Jones
P Newall
Carmichael
25 C F Smith
Woodward
Barnes
Webster
Young
30 G Scott
Willows
Robertson
Hancorne
34. Ogilvie

Names

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Names of 4th Class

35 Michael

Kyd

Perry

Grant

Bateman

40 Freswell

Cowan

Buchan

Lambert

M.c Donald

45 O Reilly

Hilton

Herring

Conner

10 Christian

Le Page

50 Hodge

51 Names of third Class

52 Woolcock

Cushney

Hammand Sen.r

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Names of third class

Hammand Senr.

55 Parker

Brown

I Newall

White

E Flames

60 Fenwick

Horn

Howell

Jameson

Field Junior

65 Rodger

I Stewart

Kippen

Inglis

E Reilly

70 Mathews

Chamber

Power

Wahab

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Names of third Class

Wahab

Crowe

75 Gibson

Norton

Cadagan

I Crichton

Bayne

80 Hooper

Stacy

Holmes Sen.r

Denny

H Reid

85 Miggison

86 Neal

Resolution thereon—
The Commander in Chief to state the nature of the reward which it may be proper to establish for exciting emulation among the Cadets. and to submit the names of the Three who most distinguished themselves at the Late examination, for G.O. to be hereafter published on the subject—

The Board observe with satisfac-
= tion the general result of the examinations which
were conducted at Cuddalore under the direction
of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and it
may be expected that a continued attention in
the care of the Cadet Establishment at that place
will

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will produce the most beneficial effect—

As it appears to the Board to be proper that public notice should be taken of those Gentlemen Cadets who have particularly distinguished themselves in the study of the Hindostanee Language, in order that a salutary example may be given to the other Gentlemen of the Establishment: it is Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to state the nature of the reward which may be in his judgement best calculated to excite emulation. it being the intention of the Board that a reward of that nature shall be conferred on two or three of Gentlemen Cadets whose conduct may have been considered most meritorious — Resolved also that the Commander in Chief. be requested to report to the Board the names of the Gentlemen. who may be judged most deserving —

So soon as this communication shall be made by the Commander in Chief. the Board will direct a General Order to be published, for the purpose of giving effect to the above —

Resolutions

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Resolutions.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board - Recommend Bills and advances of Money—

1 We have the honor to forward for payment the enclosed Bills Viz.t.—

N.o 1 Bill of Messrs. Balfour and Baker for Water Casks furnished by them under our authority for the use of the Cartel proceeding to the Isle of France — amounting to Pagodas 1239.33.60.—

N.o 2 Bill of the Garrison Store Keeper in Mysore for Rice purchased and stored at Seringapatam in February last. Amounting to Pagodas 1797.—.—.—

N.o 3 Bill of the Quarter Master of the 2.nd Regiment Native Cavalry for

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for Bullock Gunny Bags purchased for the Gunny Department of the Corps to February 1807 - Amounting to Pagodas 524.-24.-

No 4 Bill of the acting Commissary of Supply in the Ceded Districts for Articles furnished for the use of the Lock Hospital at Bellary Amounting to Pagd 16.3.-

No 5 Bill of the Officer Commanding at Jemalabad, for Coolies employed in Cutting Grass and removing the Guns scattered about the Pettah, into the lower fort - Amounting to Pagodas 56.26.24.-

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We recommend also payment of the following advances of Money. - Viz.

An advance of Pagodas 2553. to the Engineer in the Ceded Districts being one third of the Estimate for Constructing an Arched Barrack for 200 Europeans in the fort of Margooty.-

An advance of Pagodas 268 to the Superintending Engineer at Seringapatam being

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one third of the cost of constructing Drains and Sewers near the European Barracks at that Station. —

We have the honor to be

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8th June 1807

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/ Signed / I F Cradock
" E Trapaud
" J A Agnew
" Alex Orr
" J Munro.

Order thereon

Ordered that authority be given for the payment of the Bills and advances of Money recommended in the foregoing letter. —

Read the following letter from the Committee of Military Finance. —

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

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From the Committee of Military Finance suggest Regulations for the renewal of the Barrack Department and of the Contract for Head and Heel Ropes in the Cavalry Connected with the Establishment of Veterinary Surgeons —

My Lord,

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Chief Secretary's Letter of the 28th

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28th January. calling for further Statements relative to the Departments of General Agent for Cavalry supplies, and of Agent for the purchase of Horses. those Statements are now preparing, and shall when ready be submitted to your Lordship in Council. —

We have the honor to enclose our Report on the Departments of Barrack Masters and the Contract for keeping up Head and Heel Ropes &c. in the Cavalry. —

Resolution of the Military Committee of Finance relative to the Barrack Department. —

The Committee having Minutely examined the whole Accounts of this Department find that the expenses may be classed under the following heads. —

1st Staff allowance to Barrack Masters and Barrack Serjeants. —

2nd Barrack articles and attendants for the Troops. —

3rd

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3d. Barrack articles and attendants for the several Garrisons and Posts.—

4th Allowance for Keeping up the Cotts for Europeans—

In order to exhibit a clear view of the whole expences the opinion of the Committee is detailed on each Head separately—

1st Staff Allowance

This allowance has originally been fixed on a scale so economical that a reduction of it is altogether impracticable—it is per Month as pr. Margin to each Individual and the whole Amount is trifling.—

2d Barrack articles to the Troops.—

The Articles issued to the European Troops as Barrack

Articles

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Articles consist of Oil for the arms and for Lights. Earthenware for Culinary and Mess purposes. Matts Baskets and other necessaries.—

The proportion of Articles allow-ed to men, according to the Numbers, has been fixed with a due attention to the wants of European Troops in Garrison, and is altogether unexcep-tionable.— The several Articles are supplied by Barrack Masters at fixed Contract Prices which are in general considerably cheaper than the com-mon rate of purchase by retail — no alteration therefore should be made in the mode of supplying or the quantity of Articles allowed to the Troops —

The Attendants are Sweepers, Lamp Lighters, Waterwomen, Dooley Bearers, and Carts for removing filth.—

The proportion of attendants allowed by the present System is defective, for small details of Men, it frequently occurs that the Company pay hire for half a Lamp Lighter, also for one, two, three, or four Dooley Bearers, a little

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a smaller No than 5 cannot be of any use in any — situation — This inconsistency arises more from want of attention to the spirit of the Regulation in mak= =ing up and passing the Accounts, than from an — actual error in the proportion — but in order to avoid the abuse which may occasionally arise from it, it is proposed that the proportion of Attendants shall be defined for different Nos of Men between 1 and 100, upon a principle to be explained in the proposed Regulation and that no fractional charge for any article or attendant shall appear in any account. — It is also proposed that no charge shall be in future admitted for Dooley Bearers, and that in lieu of the Bearers hitherto supplied by Barrack Masters, Details of the Dooley Corps shall be employed at Stations where they may be required. — This arrangement will produce a con= =siderable Saving. —

3rd Barrack articles and Attendants for Garrison and Posts. —

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The Attendants are Tailors, Sweepers, Lamp Lighters, Waterwomen, Dooley Bearers, and Carts for removing filth.—

The proportion of attendants allowed by the present System is defective, for small details of Men, it frequently occurs that the Company pay hire for half a Lamp Lighter, also for one, two, three, or four Dooley Bearers, a like,

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3rd Barrack Articles and Attendants for Garrison and Posts. —

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The Garrison charges include Oil for Gates and Guard Rooms. Street Lamps. pajing Barracks. Staff quarters &c. also Carts for removing Filth. The Amount of these has risen to a great extent chiefly from the practice of continuing Barrack charges at each Post or Station where they may have been once established, & tho the Troops may have been withdrawn, and may have become the cause of encrease of expence at another Station. It appears that at Several Posts a considerable expence has been continued for periods in some cases equal to thirty Months after expence had become wholly Unnecessary from a total removal of the Troops, or after a diminution had become practicable from a partial removal.

The Committee have prepared a Set of Regulations which are calculated to prevent a continuance or a repetition of these abuses, without materially altering the principles of the present Systems or without impairing the efficiency of

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of the Department; the saving immediately to be produced by the adoption of this System, will be in the proportion of above 12,000 Pagodas per annum, inclusive of the proposed alteration in the proportion of attendants to Troops. —

The Draft of Regulations for the Barrack Department accompanies this.

Resolution of the Committee of Military Finance; on the Contract allowance for supplying Head and Heel Ropes &c. for the Cavalry. —

This allowance is paid to — Officers Commanding Troops, who are, for this consideration held responsible to supply a sufficient number and quantity of the following articles for every Horse in the Troop Vizt. —

Head and Heel Ropes

Pegs. —

Nose bags. —

Curry

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Curry Combs
and Brushes
Watering Bridles.
Mane Combs and
Sickers.
Physic and Mashals.
Gram Kettles or Pots
Firewood.
Horse Clothes and
Surcingles
Shoes / one set p Month /

The allowance as originally granted for these purposes, was 4 9/12 Fanams p Month for each Horse. The experience of a few Years however proved that the Expences did not amount to this proportion, accordingly by the General Order of the 3rd of April in the Year 1802 - The Contract Allowance was reduced to 36 Fanams p Month for each Horse, at which rate it has continued. —

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The Committee have made a calculation of the expence which appears necessary to be incurred on account of these Articles, in all Situations, during peace and War, and they conceive that it will not be practicable to reduce the allowance in those Corps where the Officers Commanding Troops are held responsible to supply and keep up the whole of the Articles as is the case in the Horse Artillery, and the Regiments of Native Cavalry, but in European Regiments & a Veterinary Establishment is Maintained at considerable expence, with a Surgeon presiding over it, who draws a separate allowance on account of Country Medicines for the Horses; the Officers Commanding Troops in those Regiments are therefore relieved from any expence on account of Physic or Masals, as formerly allowed by them to the Farrier, which before the appointment of Veterinary Surgeons, was Necessary; consequently that part of the Contract allow-

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allowance drawn by those Officers, on account of Country Medicines, should be paid to the Surgeon, in lieu of the established allowance he now draws from the public. Upon these grounds The Committee Recommend that the allowance which Veterinary Surgeons have not been appointed; and that in the Corps where Veterinary Surgeons have an establishment, a Farrans of Month for each Horse, shall be deducted from the allowance granted for Head and Heel Ropes &c. to Officers Commanding Troops and shall be drawn in the Veterinary Surgeons' Abstract, in lieu of all expences whatsoever on account of Country and Bazar Articles.

Each Veterinary Surgeon now draws in Garrison or Cantonment.

Pay and personal allowances

From

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78. 31. 40.

p month

Extra charges-Establishment

Subast. Surgeon p month 10 — " — "

allowance for carriage of Medicines 11 " 22 " 40 (in the field only.

do for Instruments - - - - - 11 — " — " 28. 22. 40

Medicines

Europe Medicines equal in value to 39 " 10 " 68

Country Medicines - - - 31 " 16 " 40 70 " 26 " 72

Total amount of present allowances in the field - - - - -

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Medicines and for Instruments shall be struck off which will produce a saving of Pagodas 48. 32. — per Month for each Regiment to which a Veterinary Surgeon is attached — The Charges in that Depart-ment will then be as follow. —

Pay and personal allowances 78. 31. 40

Extra Charges — Establishment —

Sub Assistant Surgeon . . . 10 — —

Medicines

The Country Medicines and all expence connected with this Branch 4 fanams for each Horse per Month . . . 56 — —

European Medicines at the rate 6 Pagodas for 6 Horse 36 — —

Total Pagodas . . . 182. 31. 40

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20th March 1807

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) I F Cradock

" Robt. Bell

" P A Agnew

" Alex. Orr

" J Munro

" J Marshall

Ordered

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Ordered that the Committee be furnished with the following Reply.—

To the President and

Members of the Committee of.

Military Finance

Gentlemen,

To the Committee of Military Finance stating that the Regulations which they have submitted will be carried into effect from the 1st of August next calling for the Statements which they were directed to prepare relative to the agency for Cavalry Supplies and for the purchase of Horses and desiring them to proceed to the discussion of the other subjects enumerated in their Report of the 19th of December.—

Para 1st I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of March last; and to acquaint You that the Regulations which You have submitted for the future guidance of the Barrack Department, and for effecting a reduction of expence in Veterinary Establishments have been approved by His Lordship in Council.—

2 Those Regulations have accordingly been published in General Orders; with the resolution of His Lordship in Council for carrying them into effect from the 1st of August next.—

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His Lordship in Council is desirous of receiving at an early period the Statement which you have been directed to prepare relative to the Departments of General Agent for Cavalry Supplies and of Agent for the purchase of Horses, and that you should proceed to the discussion of other subjects of expenditure enumerated in the List, which accompanied your Report of the 19th of December last.

Fort St. George
20th June 1807

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient and
humble Servant
(Signed) G Strachey
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Read the following Letter

from the Military Auditor General -

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General - applies for the support of Government, and requests that the attention of the Army may be directed to the Regulations, which prescribe the mode of appeal against Retrenchments.

1. Adverting to the late Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors, I cannot indulge a hope of being permitted to hold much longer the high situation of Military Auditor General, which has been conferred upon me by your Lordship's Government -

2. So long however, as I may be permitted by your Lordship to Remain in Office, I shall consider myself unworthy of so honora-ble a charge, did I not endeavour by every means in my power to support its just authority and established Rights, which, if disregarded or

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treated with disrespect by individuals, must ultimately fail in producing that extent of advantage to the public, which might be expected from a Vigilant Check upon the Military Disbursements.

3 I have lately been under the disagreeable Necessity of pointing out to your Lordship in Council several instances, in which individuals have animadverted upon the Public Acts of the Office of Audit, in terms, which I trust appears to your Lordship to be intemperate, disrespectful and indecorous. That an Officer considering himself aggrieved by the Office of Audit has a Right to question its Authority in a temperate manner or by a respectful appeal to a higher Power, I have never attempted to deny; but I trust it will appear evident to your Lordship, that much disagreeable discussion might be saved, as well as much trouble to Government would be

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His Excellency the Commander in Chief, of Individuals, so circumstanced, would in the first instance communicate upon their grievances with the Office of Audit, and thereby make themselves fully acquainted with the Grounds upon which it had acted towards them.

5 In checking the Military Disbursements of so large a body of Troops as compose the Army under the Presidency of Fort St. George, it cannot be expected that in every Case the Office of Audit should be correct. Errors will sometime occur, but I should be concerned to have it said, that such Errors were not immediately rectified upon their being pointed out in a temperate, respectful manner by the parties aggrieved.

The Nature of the Regulations established by Government for the duties of this Office (of which Extracts are enclosed) must often produce Retrenchment, which will appear to bear hard upon Individuals, and which the Office of Audit must be aware will be re-

moved

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Removed upon Readiet Still it is necessary in such Cases, for the Security of the Public and of the Paymasters who are held responsible for the Recovery of all Retrenchments that Stoppages should be made; and Individuals may thus be deprived of their pay for a considerable time for some slight inaccuracy or deviation from form in the drawing of their Allowances.

7 The Accompanying Extracts from the Regulations, which were established by Government many Years ago, are now forwarded in order that your Lordship in Council may direct an alteration or revisal of any such parts thereof as may appear to be objectionable under existing Circumstances; and that if considered Necessary, the Attention of the Army may be called to those part regarding Correspondence on the Subjects of Retrenchments and Stoppages, which appear in many instances of late to have been lost sight of.

8 Whatever may be the Resolution of your Lordship in Council regarding those Regulations,

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Regulations, in general, I shall rely with
confidence that some decisive Measures will be
adopted for putting a stop in future to the style
and Manner, in which some Officers have of
late indulged themselves, when writing Official
:ally on the Subject of Retrenchments and Stop-
:pages made by Authority from the Office of Audit-

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Alex. Orr
Mily. Auditor Genl.

M. Genl. Office
" Fort St. George
5th June 1807.

Extracts from the Regulations established
by Government for the guidance of the Military
Auditor General in the duties of his Office.

The Military Auditor General
is under the immediate orders of Government, and to
him is committed the Controul of all Advances to,
or expenditure in the Military Department whe-
:ther for the Army of the East India Company, or
His Majesty's Forces serving upon the Madras
Establishment, and he will be held Responsible
if any charge is admitted which has not the
sanction of a general Regulation or of a special

order

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Removed upon Readiet Still it is necessary in such Cases, for the Security of the Public and of the Paymasters who are held responsible for the Recovery of all Retrenchments that Stoppages should be made; and Individuals may thus be deprived of their pay for a considerable time for some slight inaccuracy or deviation from form in the drawing of their Allowances.

7. The Accompanying Extracts from the Regulations, which were established by Government many Years ago, are now forwarded in order that your Lordship in Council may direct any alteration or revisal of any such parts thereof as may appear to be objectionable under existing Circumstances; and that if considered necessary, the Attention of the Army may be called to those parts regarding Correspondence on the Subjects of Retrenchment and Stoppages, which appear in many instances of late to have been lost sight of.

8 Whatever may be the Resolution of your Lordship in Council regarding those Regulations

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Regulations, in general, I shall rely with confidence that some decisive Measures will be adopted for putting a stop in future to the Style and Manner, in which some Officers have of late indulged themselves, when writing Official Pages made by Authority from the Office of Auditor.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Alex.r Arb.r
Mily. Audr. Genl.

M.r Audr. Genl.s Office
" Fort St. George
5.th " June 1807.

Extracts from the Regulations established by Government for the guidance of the Military Auditor General in the duties of his Office.

The Military Auditor General is under the immediate orders of Government, and to him is committed the Controul of all Advances to, or expenditure in the Military Department whether for the Army of the East India Company, or His Majesty's Forces serving upon the Madras Establishment, and he will be held Responsible if any charge is admitted which has not the sanction of a general Regulation or of a Special

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order of Government, or of the Commander in Chief with the Sanction of Government.

He is not to consider the authority of any Officer of any Rank whatever, sufficient to warrant any alteration of, or addition to the Establishment, or standing Regulations approved by Government.

He is to pay no Regard to any plea, of usage, or custom, but to conform strictly to the standing Regulations.

He is only to consider an order of Government or the Countersignature of the Commander in Chief upon a Bill, as an authority for the Service, or subject matter of the charge, the Rates of pay, Batta, fixed Allowances and of every Military charge whatever, as well as the Additions and calculations in such Bills, are notwithstanding the Authorities abovementioned, to be examined and checked by the Auditor General.

He will be careful to prevent the smallest alteration of established forms or deviation from the orders of Government, and when he may think

think such are absolutely Necessary, he is after making every enquiry how far the alterations may be a benefit or affect the Regulations in force, to state his opinion to Government, with the period at which he recommends it to take place, and to which period, it will readily occur to him, to where the Books of Accounts are concerned should (without some very material objection) be that of the opening the Annual Books of the Year.

He is not on any Account to receive Bills for Audit through any other Channels than from Government, the Commander in Chief, the Military Board, and the several Paymasters.

He is to make such Remarks and Observations on the Bills for the Extra charges of the Army, as, to him, may seem proper previous to their being laid before Government.

He is not permitted to correspond with the Officers of the Army, nor with their Agents, relative to the licensing of his Dr.

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Fort St. George 19th June 1807.

"Governor in Council has been pleased to Resolve,
"that all Officers of the General and Division Staff
"of the Army, including those of the Hyderabad
"Subsidiary Force, also the personal Staff of
"His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and
of stating their Officers, or Colonels Commanding
Argument which he may give be permitted to
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the parties must be very careful in stating the
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G. O. By Govt. 8th July 1796.

1792 having of late, in many instances, been
deviated from by Officers addressing Letters to
Government, requesting payment of Bills that
had been objected to by the Military Auditor
General without transmitting such letters
through the channel of the Paymaster, and
Military Auditor General, as those Orders en-
joined - The Right Honorable the President
in Council is pleased to notify, that any
application made, in future, contrary to the
prescribed

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Department.

All letters on such subjects are to be addressed to the proper Paymasters who will forward them to the Auditor General, and communicate his answers.

The Auditor General's Audits or decisions can only be set aside by Government.

G. O. By Govt. 3d. April 1792

If the Auditor General shall notwithstanding the Reasons that may be offered in support of the objectionable charges think 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 it's Rejection may come together, at one view, before Government.

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or decide Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

G. O. By Govt. 3d. April 1792

My Lord,

From the Auditor General - Inconsequence of a Reference from Major General Macdowall, submits the Question whether Major Generals on the Staff are entitled to Extra Field Allowances while on tours of Inspection

At the Request of Lieutenant General Mc. Dowall I beg leave to submit for the decision of Government, a Question arising from the subjoined General Order Viz.

Whether or not by those Orders "a General Officer on the Staff is entitled to extra Field Allowances during the period of his annual Tours of Review"

G O. By Government 9th September 1806

"The Right Honorable the Governor

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"Governor in Council has been pleased to Resolve,
"that all Officers of the General and Division Staff
"of the Army, including those of the Hyderabad
"Subsidiary Force, also the personal Staff of
"His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and
"of General Officers, or Colonels Commanding
"Divisions, shall in future be permitted to
"draw the Extra Tent Allowance attached to
"their Respective appointments, during the
"periods such Officers shall be employed on
"the annual Tours of Review. The Bills in-
:cluding this Allowance to be countersigned
"by the General Officer, or Colonel, under whom
"the Staff Officers are serving, and to be accom-
:panied by Muster and inspection
"Reports of the Regulated Camp Equipage for
"which the Allowance is granted".

2 Lieutenant General Mac-
Dowall considering himself warranted by the
Orders above quoted, drew Extra Tent Allowance

during

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Auditor General of the 5th October 1806.

5 The final Reply of Lieutenant General Mac Dowall, in enclosure marked (A) to the Arguments in support of the present Light Retrenched allowance drawn, adverting at the following Extract from the Regulations of the 12th July 1796.

"The General Officers upon the Staff at your Residency are to receive an aggregate Allowance of Pagodas 812½ per Month, in addition to their Regimental Emoluments of Pay as Colonel and their share of the profits arising from Clothing, in lieu of all Claims whatever in peace or War, except for Camp Equipage, Carriage &c. and travelling Expences, for which they are to draw 125 Pagodas per Month in lieu of Forage, and 312½ per Month when employed on actual Service in the field during War.

3 In reply to the Retrenchment above stated, a letter was received from Lieutenant General Mac Dowall of which Copy marked A) is forwarded for the information of your Lordship

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Auditor General of the 5th October 1806.

5. The final Reply of Lieutenant General Mac Dowall (in enclosure marked G) contains fresh Arguments in support of his Claims for Field Tent Allowance during the periods of his Annual Tours of Survey, but the Subject altogether being of considerable importance to the Public and to Officers similarly situated with General Mac Dowall, I trust I shall be considered correct in having thus submitted it for the decision of Government.

Mily Aud. Gl. Office
Fort St. George 12th June 1807.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Alex. Ott.
Mily Auds Gl.

Major John Campbell
D. P. M. G. K. T.

Seringapatam May 24th 1807.

Sir,

In Reply to your letter covering a Retrenchment against me I have the honor to Request that you will state to the Military Auditor General, that I have drawn for Coton Tent Allowance in compliance with the letter of

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of the Government order of the 9th of last Septr. tember, and issued from Head Quarters on the 15th of that Month, by which I was led to imagine that His Lordship in Council had been pleased to grant a Reasonable and liberal Remuneration to General Officers and their Staff in consideration of the extraordinary and indispensible expences incurred by the prescribed Tours of Review which are directed to be undertaken twice every Year, and which oblige every Officer to have at all times his Carriage and Camp Equipage in the same state of preparation as if he were actually in the field.

I have recently returned from a Circuit which occupied me for above four Months and shall soon again proceed on other, to fulfil the duties pointed out by the Commander in Chief, and I trust it is unnecessary to expatiate on the loss sustained by the Wear and tear of Tents, the deterioration of Cattle, which added to many incidental charges,

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places a General Officer on a Tour of Reviews as if actually upon Field Service, may, he must at all times have his full establishment ready, and it never could occur to me that any distinction was intended to be made between the Officer Commanding a Division of the Army and his Staff - Should this explanation not prove satisfactory to the Military Auditor General I request that the subject, with this letter, may be referred to Government for final Decision.

/Signed/ Hay Macdowall

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ A. Orr

Mily Auds Gl

To the Deputy Paymaster General of the King's Troops.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of this date accompanied by one to your address from Lieutenant General Mac Dowall on the Subject of Retirements on account of additional Camp Equipage

Major

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Equipage to that Officer.

I beg you will transmit for the information of Lieutenant General Mac Dowall, the accompanying Copies of a Report from this Office, and of the Decision of Government on the subject of Retrenchments against Major General Smith exactly similar to those against Lieutenant General Mc Dowall.

After a perusal of the Documents above mentioned, it will appear I trust, to Lieutenant General Mc Dowall, that it would be needless for me to enter now into any further discussion upon the subject in question, or to submit it for the Decision of Government.

Should Lieutenant General Mc Dowall however be still desirous of bringing the subject before Government, his wishes in that respect shall immediately be complied with.

Mr Asst. Gl. Office
Fort St. George
1st June 1807.

/signed/ A. Orr.
Mr. A. Gl.

/A true Copy/
/signed/ A. Orr.
Mr. A. Gl.

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The Deputy Paymaster General

Kings Troops

Sir

From the Papers you have been pleased to transmit to me from the Military Auditor Generals Office it would appear that the General Order of Government of the 1st September last, is not intended to affect or benefit the General Officers on the Staff, although I consider I put that liberal construction upon it. General Smith's having a Claim in Retrospect he certainly was not entitled to the Field Allowance but after the promulgation of the above order I am willing to believe that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council did intend that Officers in Command of Divisions should be remunerated for the great additional expence they are subjected in the Circuits they are ordered to make twice every Year.

At the time the regulations referred to by the Military Auditor Generals were framed

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framed these periodical Tours were not in con:
:templation but since they were established His
Lordship in Council cannot but be sensible that
if an Officer performs his duty he must not only
be at all times prepared with a complete, but
must actually be encamped and exposed to every
expence of actual Service for seven or eight Months
in the Year.

It is far from being my wish
to press unnecessarily any subject upon Govern:
:ment, but as I am of opinion that a consider:
:tion of all the circumstances may induce His
Lordship in Council to afford Relief both in
the present instance and in all future Cases of
a similar Nature I have the honor to request
that it may be submitted with all due defe:
:rence and respect —

(signed) Hay MacDowall

A true Copy

(signed) A. Orr.

Mily Audr Genl

The

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Resolution thereon

The Board concur in the opinion of the Military Auditor General that by the existing Regulations of the Service General Officers on the Staff are not entitled to Extra Tent Allowance while employed on Tours of Reviews.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Military Auditor General. That Paymaster at Masulipatam applies for leave to visit the Presidency.

I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Copy of an Application from Mr. Paymaster Young to visit the Presidency on his private Affairs.

Military Paymasters General's Office
Fort St. George
12th June 1807.

I have &c.
(signed) B. Roebuck
Mily. Paymr. Genl.

To

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To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I beg you will do me the honor to request the Indulgence of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council's permission to visit the Presidency on my private business.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Masulipatam
30th. April 1807.

Signed/ Saml. Young

Paymaster

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Mily. Paymr. Gl.

/Signed/ A. D Taylor

Lt. Col. Comm.g

Masulipatam District

Resolution thereon.

Resolves that the Paymaster at Masulipatam be permitted to visit the Presidency according to his Request.

Read the following Letter from the Contractor for victualling the Prisoners of War.

To

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To the Chief Secretary to Governme
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Con-
tractor for Vic:
tualling Prisoners
of War: advert
to the Supply which
he shall sustain
but consents to
dispose of his
Grain on hand
to the Grain Com-
mittee on the
established terms.

I have has the honor to
Receive Mr. Secretary Stracheys
the determination of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council on my application res
pecting Rice which I had imported for the
use of the Prisoners of War:-

His Lordship will observe
that the loss I sustain on this occasion is very
considerable, and incurred from an anxious desire
to fulfill my engagements with Gover
as the Prisoners however, are all removed and
the state of the market affords no prospect of
reimbursing the expence to which I have been
put, I beg leave to take Advantage of Hes
Lordship's Offer to authorize the purchase of
it by the Grain Committee on the conditions
laid down in the Advertisement under date

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the 10th January and have to request that authority may accordingly be given for their receiving Thirty five Garce or two Thousand one hundred Bags -

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

Fort St. George
12th June 1807.

(Signed) G: Warburton
Contr. for Victualling
Prisoners

Order thereon -

Ordered that the Grain &c.
tendered for sale by Captain Warburton be purchased by the Grain Committee, agreeably to the Terms stated in the Advertisement of the 10th of January last -

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara -

To George Strachey Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 8th

From the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara: recommends that a degree of liberty may

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may be allowed to Mr Macpherson and that Mr Aitkand may be pensioned on 40 Rupies per Month

Ultimo accompanied by a Copy of the correspond
ence which has passed Regarding Mr Mac
pherson. The necessary information res
pecting his arrest has been communicated t
him. No opportunity having occurred for
sending him to Bombay, I have ordered him
to remain at Tellicherry, but as his conduct
has been perfectly correct since his apprehe
sion, I conceive there would be no impro
priety in permitting him to go about Tell
cherry, on his giving his word of honor not t
quit that Station without permission.

The leave granted in your Le
of the 29th April last, for Mr Aitkand a
his family to proceed to Bombay, was grateful
accepted

I request you will state to the Ri
Honble the President in Council that Mr Aitk
and his family, are now in extreme misery, and have
hitherto prevented from starving by private Charity
I take the Liberty of en

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Fort St. George 19th June 1807.

To His Lordship the propriety of allowing four
hundred Rupees per Month for the subsistence of
Mr. Wilkins his Wife and family until an
opportunity offers for conveying them to the
Presidency of Bombay.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
/ Signed / Ben: Forbes
Colonel in Malabar and
Canara.—

Ordered that the following
Reply be dispatched.—

To the Officer Commanding in
Malabar and Canara

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed by the Right
Honorable

Head Quarters
Cannanore
8th June 1807

The Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara
Sir
I have the honor to transmit herewith a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department, dated the 19th Instant, with its Enclosure, and to request that you will be pleased to cause the Measures therein directed to be carried into Execution.
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Ben: Forbes
Colonel in Malabar and
Canara.—

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may be allowed to Mr Macpherson and that Mr Ailkand may be pensioned on the Rupies per month

Ultimo accompanied by a Copy of the correspondence which has passed Regarding Mr Macpherson. The necessary information respecting his arrest has been communicated to him. No opportunity having occurred for sending him to Bombay, I have ordered him to remain at Tellicherry, but as his conduct has been perfectly correct since his apprehension, I conceive there would be no impropriety in permitting him to go about Tellicherry, on his giving his word of honor not to quit that Station without permission.

The leave granted in your letter of the 29th April last for Mr Ailkand and his family to proceed to Bombay, was gratefully accepted

I request you will state to the Right Honble the President in Council that Mr Ailkand and his family are now in extreme misery, and have hitherto prevented from starving by private Charity

I take the liberty of in

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Fort St. George 19th June 1807.

To His Lordship the propriety of allowing four-
teen Rupees per Month for the subsistence of
Mr. Aitkand, his Wife and family on Gillam —
opportunity offers for conveying them to the
Presidency of Bombay. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Ben: Torbes
Colonel in Malabar and
Canara. —

Ordered that the following
Reply be dispatched. —

To the Officer Commanding in
Malabar and Canara

Sir,

Para 1st I am directed by the Right
Honorable

To the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara
Leave to his discretion
the degree of restraint
to be imposed on Mr.
Macpherson but desires
that measures may be
taken for sending him
to Bombay - grants
to Mr Aitkand a
pension of Rupees 14
per Month —

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may be allowed to Mr Macpherson and that Mr Ailkand may be pensioned on 40 Rupies per month

Ultimo accompanied by a Copy of the correspondence which has passed Regarding Mr Macpherson. The necessary information respecting his arrest has been communicated to him. No opportunity having occurred for sending him to Bombay, I have ordered him to remain at Tellicherry, but as his conduct has been perfectly correct since his apprehension, I conceive there would be no impropriety in permitting him to go about Tellicherry, on his giving his word of honor not to quit that Station without permission.

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Fort St. George 19th June 1807.

To His Lordship the propriety of allowing four-
teen Rupees per Month for the subsistence of
Mr. Aitkand, his Wife and family until an
opportunity offers for conveying them to the
Presidency of Bombay.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Ben: Forbes
Colonel in Malabar and
Canara.—

Ordered that the following
Reply be dispatched.—

To the Officer Commanding in
Malabar and Canara

Sir,

Para 1st I am directed by the Right
Honorable

Do Head Quarters
Cannanore
6th June 1807

the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara is to his discretion to grant passports to such persons, but desires measures may be taken for sending him to Bombay - grants Mr Aitkand a allowance of Rupees 14 per Month

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Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant.

2 His Lordship in Council is
pleased to leave it to your discretion to determine
the degree of liberty which it may be proper to allow
to Mr. Macpherson during the period of his necessary
detention in the provinces under your Command.
But it will be your particular duty to provide for
his proceeding to Bombay by the earliest opportunity.

3 His Lordship in Council has
resolved under the circumstances which you have
stated relative to the distress of Mr. Silhouet, and
in compliance with your urgent recommendation
in his favor to grant to him a monthly allowance
of Fourteen Rupees for the maintenance of himself
and family. The Military Auditor General has
accordingly been furnished with the necessary
directions

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directions for that purpose —

Fort S. George

20th June 1807

Jam &c. &c.

/ Signed / G Strachey Sec.t to Govt.

Ordered that the following letter

be dispatched to the Accountant General —

To the Accountant General

Sir.

To the Accountant General desiring that the proper Offices be instructed to call on Sir John Cordwell for the Amount ordered by the Court of Directors to be refunded by His Excellency.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Statement of Sums which .... have become chargeable to His Excellency the Commander in Chief under orders recently received from the Honble Court of Directors, and to desire that You will instruct the proper Officer to apply to His Excellency for the payment of the Amount which You will

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Will Report to His Lordship in Council for the
information of the Honble Court

Fort St. George
22nd June 1807

Thos. Hislop

A.G.

Sd.

Sd.

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