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1167 To the Military Paymaster General - Transmits Copies of Correspondence with the Resident at Travancore, and desires the necessary instructions to be issued to the Paymaster in Malabar and Canara. -

1168 To the Military Paymaster General - With Copy of the Military Auditor Generals' report on the Additional Estimate of Cash of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly. -

1169 Lieutenant McKeody of His Majesty's 12th Regiment - appointed Acting Fort Adjutant and Paymaster to the details of the King's Troops at Coonamallee, vice Fraser

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1180. Minute thereon. -

3d Do Do. 1181. From - the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief - With Proceedings of the Off reckoning Fund Committee for the Year 1804/5. Requests that a Compensation may be given to Major Pierce, and difference of Batta to Capt Heath. -

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1205 Resolution thereon. -

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and with a General Return of the Sick
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Nov. Do. 1245. From - the Town Major - applies for an
advance of one Months Pay and allow-
-ances for Mrs. Auchinlecks maint-
-nance, and an advance, and an advance
of Six Months Pay for the purpose
of providing Him with a passage -

1248. Resolution thereon -

Nov. Jany Do. 1249. From - the Military Board - Report that
the Elephants expected from Bengal
complete the number agreed to be sup-
-plied by the Contractor - Submit on
the Engineers report on the damage
done to the powder Mills by the Storm,
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and recommend alterations in the Ma-
-chinery - Submit an Estimate for a-
-place of Arms for a Regiment of Natives
Cavalry at Trichinopoly and state at
that they have stored Grain at Veza-
-gapatam for Six Months. -

18th " Jany 1808. 126. From - the Military Board - Report
as large Quantity of the Garrison
Stores to be Unserviceable; and Sub-
-mit remarks on the subject - Sug-
-gest that the Garrison Storekeeper
should not be otherwise employed,
and that the Salt Provisions should
be stored in a particular manner
Also that a Contract for the sup-
-ply of Meat should be eventually
concluded with Scott and Co.s at
Calcutta. -

25th Do. Do. 128. From - the Military Board - Submit a
the draft of a G: O: for effecting a
the

the proposed reductions in the Ordnance Department,- with proceedings of a Com-=mittee on that subject- A Report on the North Lunette of the Wallayah & Front and on the North East Bluff, as judiciously repaired by Lieutenant Fraser An explanation of the late Indent for Elephants- recommend that Camels be substituted for Elephants in the Carriage of Tents, and that the Regu-=lations for Camp Equipage be modi-=fied- Submit Two Petitions from Pad-=dock Owners. -

25th January 1808. 1384 From- the Military Board- Recommend payment of Bills. -

1st February Do. 1388 From- the Military Board- Recommend Bills and Advances. -

1393 Order thereon. -

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the draft of a G.O. for facilitating the payment of Subscriptions to the Medical Fund -

1402. Resolution thereon -

January 1803 1st Do From - Bengal - Approve the resolution of Government for issuing the increased Pay - State that it will not be expedient to make any stoppage from the staff - pay of Sergeant Major &c. -

1405. Order thereon -

4th Do Do. 1406. From - Bengal - State that they cannot authorize the payment of the allowances for which Lieutenant General McDowall has applied, but that they will recommend his claim to the favorable notice of the Court of Directors -

10th February Do 1410. To - the Commander in Chief - With a copy of the Letter from Bengal on the subject of his allowances, and stating

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stating the intention of this Government to recommend his Claim by the present dispatch. -

28th January 1808 1413. From - the Secretary at Bombay - States the gratuity in lieu of Rice will only be issued to the 2nd Regiment of Native Cavalry, when rice shall be above 44 Pagodas-104-32 fanams the Garce. -

1421. Resolution thereon. -

28th Do. Do 1422 From - the Resident at Hydrabad - Submits Captain Johnstons explanation of his Accounts with the Brinjarries, and states him to be entitled to receive Credit for 18,000 Rupees. -

1438 Order thereon. -

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Diary

21st Sent the following Letter

To Lieutenant General Macdowall

Commander in Chief

Sir,

To the Commander in Chief — With Extracts of Correspondence with the Military Auditor General, and stating that the Commanders of the Indiam will be instructed to allot the proper Accommodations to Lieutenant Colonel Agnew and Major Pierce —

Para 1. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to furnish for your information and guidance the enclosed Extracts of Correspondence with the Military Auditor General on various points which you have submitted for the Consideration of the Government —

2 I am further directed to state that the Commanders of the Indiamen on which Lieutenant Colonel Agnew and Major Pierce may determine to proceed to England will be instructed to allot to those Officers the Accommodations to which they are entitled by the Regulations of the Honorable Company —

Fort St. George
21st January 1808

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ Gy. Strachey
Secy to Govt.

Received and sent the following Letters entered

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entered in M. B. No. 64. 65-66-67-68-69-

From the Military Auditor General.

From Major Bruce — Reporting on an Additional Estimate of Cash of the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops for Current Month.—

To. Ditto

To. Ditto - Authorizing payment of Bills and Advance of Money recommended by the Military Board of the 7th and 11th Instant, and desires that the Claim stated by the Town Major be examined and adjusted; encloses letter from Lieutenant McCulloch R. N. for report.—

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General — with the Military Auditor General's Report on the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at the Presidency for the Current Month.—

To Ditto

To Ditto — With Do. by the Paymaster at Masulipatam for the ensuing Month.—

To Ditto

To Ditto - With Do. on the General Estimate of cash required for the Month of February.—

To the Town Major of Fort St. George —

To the Town Major of Fort St. George — Informs him that the Military Auditor General has been instructed to examine and adjust the Claim

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Claim submitted on the 16th Instant.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart & K.B.

Governor and President

Friday the
22d. January 1808.

William Petrie
Thomas Oakes } Esqrs
and
J. H. Casamaijor

Minutes of last Consultation read

and Approved.—

Read the following Letters from the Commander in Chief, his Military Secretary, the Adjutant General and Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.—

The Chief Secretary of Government.

Sir,

From the Commander in chief — sees no objection to Lieutenant Crisac taking charge of the police at Vizagapatam till the return of Lieutenant Stewart.—

In reply to the Military Secretary's letter of the 12th Instant, I have the honor to report for the information of the Honorable the Governor in

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in Council that I see no objection to the nomination of Lieutenant Crisac to the charge of the Vizagapatam Police Corps during the Absence of Lieutenant Stuart.—

Madras
19th January 1808.

I have the honor to be
Gen. Gen.
/Signed/ Hay Macdowall.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be furnished to the Judicial Department.

George Strachey Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Military dept. enclosing to the Commander in Chief One enclosing an application from Lieutt Colonel Watson for arrears of Hire of 14th Regiment, also from Colonel Martin on the subject of a pension for the family of the late Serang Casket Ram.—

Para 1 I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that you will be pleased to lay the Accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding His Majesty's 14th Regiment requiring the sum of Star Pagodas 3,625. 30. 6½ for the payment of arrears of Subsistence due to the detachment of that Regiment which arrived last before the Honorable the Governor in Council with his recommendation that the Lieutenant Colonel's request may be complied with.—

I am

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2 I am further directed to request, that you will be pleased to lay the Accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Bellary on the subject of a provision for the family of the late Serang Venketram before the Honorable the Governor in Council.

It would appear from the Invaliding certificate that Venketram did not apply to be invilided till he was unable to perform more active duties.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
Obedient
Humble Servant
/signed/ W. Macpherson
M. S.

Commander in
Chief's Office
19th January 1808.

To His Excellency
The Commander in Chief's
Military Secretary

Sir,

The Division of His Majesty's 14th Regiment that landed from the Honorable Company's ship Wexford the 31st Ultimo having only had their

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their Pay issued / prior to their leaving England / up to the following periods Viz.t The Officers to the 19.th December and the non Commissioned Officers, Drummers and Privates to the 19.th October, I have therefore to request you will have the goodness to make the necessary application for the Arrears due from those periods to the day they Disembarked to be issued agreeable to the Statement Herewith enclose which I have received from the Paymaster.

Fort St. George
18.th January 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedient Humble Servant
/signed/ J. Watson
Lieut.t Col.t Com.g His
Majesty's 14.th Reg.t

To Lieutenant Colonel Watson
Commanding His Majesty's 14.th Regt. Infantry

Sir,

I have the honor to State for your Information that the Amount of Arrears due to the Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Privates of His Majesty's 14.th Regement

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Regiment Infantry who Disembarked from on
Board the the Honorable Company's Ship Wexford
on the 31st. December 1807. amounts to Pagodas
3,265 30 6¼ being on account for the Officers
from the 19th. December to the 30th. inclusive for
the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates from
the 19th. October to the 30th. December 1807. both
days inclusive.

On the other side is an Estimate
for the sum required.

I have therefore to request you
will have the goodness to make an early applica-
tion to the Commander in Chief for the issue of
arrears due.

Fort St. George
5th. January 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
/signed/ Thos. Sword.
Payr. His Majesty's
14th. Regt. Infantry.

Estimate.

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Estimate of Arrears of Pay due to a Detachment of His Majestys 14th. Regiment of Infantry Disembarked from on Board the Honorable Company's Ship Hertford 31st. December 1807.

N.o of each Rank and Periods.	Sterling £	Currency S.	D.	Pags.	Fs.	C.
12 Days pay for 1 Lieutenant Colonel @ 15/11 Pr. 4 Captains @ 9/5 Pr. 6 Lieut.ts @ 4/8 Pr. 5 Ensigns @ 3/8 Pr. and 1 Assistant Surgeon @ 7/6 Pr. day from 19th to 30th December 1807. inclusive	64	9	-			
713 Days pay for 23 Serjeants at 1/3½ Pr. 21 Corpls @ 10¾ Pr. 4 Drummers @ 10½ Pr. and 407 Privates @ 8½ Pr. Day from 19th October to 30th December 1807 inclusive.	1741	16	8¾			
Pagodas	1306	5	8¾	3265	30	6¼

(signed) Thos. Sword
Payr. H. M. 14th. Regt.

To

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To the Adjutant General of the Army.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to return to you. the Invalid certificates of Venketram Syrang 2d. Battalion Artillery and Ramasamy Gun Lascar 2d. Battalion Artillery they having died on the 11th. December 1807.

The Syrang having left a large Family without any provision, I have to request you will lay the circumstance before His Excellency the Commander in Chief in Order that they may have from Government some allowance for their subsistance — The Family consists of a Mother Wife, Sister, One son and two daughters.

Bellary
12th. January 1808.

/signed/ Gu. Martin
Lieut.t Col.e Comg.

Draw thereon. -

Ordered that Authority be given to the Military Auditor General for Adjusting the arrears due to the Detachment of His Majesty's 14th. Regiment of Foot mentioned in the foregoing Letter.

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Letter.

Ordered that the Invalid Certifi-
=cate of the late Syrang Venketram be cancelled, and
that the Commanding Officer at Bellary be -
informed that as the grant of a pension to the family
of that Native Officer would inevitably lead to
innumerable claims of the same nature, it is -
deemed inexpedient by the Board to Comply with
a Request, which is not founded on any Regu-
=lation of the service -

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General of the army — submitting applications for leave of absence from Colonel Davis and Cornet Martin; a pension is requested for the widows of Lt. Hughes conductor with medical certificates — reports the death of Ensign Stacey -

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to enclose the following Applications &c., and to request you will submit them to the Consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

1 From Lieutenant Colonel David Commanding at Bangalore, soliciting leave of absence from his station for two Months and to visit the Presidency

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Presidency.—

2d. From Cornet Martin 5th. Regiment of Native Cavalry requesting permission to proceed to Bencoolen on 6. Months leave of Absence — urgent & private business requiring his presence there.—

3d. Certificates prescribed as necessary.

That the usual Pension may be granted to the Widow of the late Mr. Michael Hughes Conductor of Ordnance Agreeably to the Regulations for Lord Clive's Bounty Fund—

I am further directed to Communicate to you, for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the Death of Ensign Stacey of the 19th. Native Regiment which happened at Samulcottah on the 8th Instant.—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George.
18th. January 1808.

I have the honor to be
Gentn. Yr.
/signed/ T. Boles.
Depy Adjt Genl.

The.

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The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart. K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

I request your permission to be absent for the space of two Months, from the Station I have the honor to Command, for the purpose of visiting the Presidency on private busines.-

Bangalore

10th. January 1808.

/signed/ H. Daves.

Lieut. & Adt. Comg.

To the Honorable

The Governor in Council.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Being desirous of visiting Fort Mad-ras on urgent private affairs, I have to request the favor of being permitted to proceed there on leave of absence for six Months.-

Madras 16th. January 1808.

/signed/ H. Martin

Cornet 5th. Regt. N. C.

Michael

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1798.- Marriage.

Michael Hughes and Clarenda Thomas.

were married in St. Mary's Church -

Fort St. George on the 14th. day of July. Hughes.

1798.-

By me.

/signed/ R.d. Leslie

Chaplain

In presence of

Jas. M.Manus

John McDaniel /signed/ M. Hughes.

her

Clarenda X Thomas.

Mark.

Extracted from the Register of Marriages in St. Mary's Church Fort St. George this 9th. day of November 1807.

/A true Extract/

/signed/ E.n Vaughan.

Chaplain

(d.o) /signed/ Tho.s Adamson

Register.

Clarinda Hughes Widow of Michael Hughes. late a Conductor of Stores in the Honorable Company's service deceased, Maketh Oath and saith that to the best of her Knowledge, Information or Belief. Her husband the said Michael Hughes, died not at the time of his death of himself, or by any Person

or

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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
16th day of January 1808

/signed/ C her X Mark Hughes.

/signed/ Gn. Taswell.
J. P.

Resolution thereon.— Resolved to grant the Leave of absence severally requested by Lieutenant Colonel Davis Commanding at Bangalore and by Cornet Martin of the 5th. Regiment of Native Cavalry —

Resolved that the Widow of the late Conductor Hughes be admitted a Pensioner on Lord Clives' Bounty Fund.—

To the Chief Secretary of Government.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council the following Applications from Military Officers.

From.

From the Adjutant Genl. of the Army — submitting Applications from Lieutenant Colonel Grant for leave to proceed to Europe and from Lieutenant Mcall for Ditto to the Cape for the recovery of his Health From Lieutenant Sabes for leave from to visit the Presidency —

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1 From Lieutenant Colonel Grant — requesting leave to proceed to Europe on sick certificate.—

2 From Lieutenant Sober Commanding at Negapatam making application for leave to visit the Presidency on his private Affairs.—

From Lieutenant Newall of the 4th. Regiment Native Cavalry soliciting permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope on sick certificate —

I have to report the capture of Lieutenant Byan of the 1st. Battalion 6th. Regiment Native Infantry who had proceeded to sea for the benefit of his health.—

I have the honor to be
Honble. Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
/Signed/ F. Capper.
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Fort St. George
20th. January 1808

To the Honorable Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bt. K.B
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

The state of my Health being such as

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as to render a voyage to Europe indispensably necessary to my perfect recovery, I have to request your permission to avail myself of the earliest opportunity that may offer for that purpose.-

Accompanying, I have the honor to transmit the required certificates.-

I have the honor to be

Sir Your Obt

Madras

19th January 1808

/signed/ R. M. Grant.

Lieut. Col. 2d. Battn

19th Regiment

We Henry Harris and Henry Wise surgeons of the Coast Establishment in the Honorable East India Companys service, do hereby declare on Oath that We are of opinion it is absolutely necessary that Lieutenant Colonel R. M Grant should leave this Country and go to Europe for the recovery of his health.-

Madras 15th January 1808.

/signed/ H. Harris

M. D. superintending surgeon of the Centre Division

Sworn Before me

/signed/ Rob. Maitland / " / H Wise. Surgeon.

Justice of Peace

To.

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To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

Having some private affairs to settle at Madras, I beg leave for permission to visit the Presidency.—

/signed/ C. Sober
Lieut.t Com.r

Negapatam
11th January 1808.

To the Honorable the Governor in Council.

Sir,

I have to solicit permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope for the recovery of my health Agreeably to the tenour of the enclosed Certificate.—

/signed/ H. Newall
Lieut.t 4th Regt Cavalry.

Madras.
18th January 1808.

We do hereby certify upon our honor that in Consequence of the recent and severe increase of Lieutenant Newall's visceral Obstructions, and after a mature Consideration, of his previous long Continued bad state of health, we are of opinion that a voyage to the—

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the Cape of good Hope is absolutely necessary for the recovery of his health.—

/signed/ G. Anderson
Asst. Surgeon.

Fort St. George
16th January 1808

" Wm. Mackenzie.
Asst. Surgeon

Sworn at the Public-Office in Fort St. George the 18th Day of January 1808 - Before me

/signed/ J. D. Tolton
Justice of Peace

Resolution thereon. — Resolved that the Furlough and Leave of Absence severally requested by Lieutenant — Colonel Grant, Lieutenant Sober, and Lieutenant — Newall, be granted to those Officers.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.—

To the Honorable Sir G. H. Barlow Bart K.B
Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

/ Having examined an Additional Estimate.

From the Military Auditor General. With additional Estimates for

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for the Current Month. Encloses Bill of Exchange in favor of the Court of Directors for Pagodas 2737. 21 Advanced to the Paymaster of His Majesty's 14th. Regiment.—

Estimate of Cash of the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops for the Current Month, I have the honor to report that the Amount thereof, Viz.t Pagodas Two Thousand seven hundred and thirty seven, fanams twenty One / Pagodas 2737. 21. "/ admissible and issueable from the General Treasury.—

2 This sum is requried by the Paymaster of His Majesty's 14th. Regiment for payment of Arrears due to the Officers and men — previous to the Arrival of the Regiment at this — Presidency, and for which I have the honor to transmit Bills of Exchange drawn by the Paymaster on the Agents of the Regiment in London in favor of the Honorable Court of Directors at 30 days sight Conformably to the resolution of your honor in Council under date the 8th. Instant.—

3 Having also examined an Estimate of Cash of the Paymaster at Seringapatam for the Month of February, I have the honor to report the Amount thereof Viz.t Pagodas seventy

two.

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two Thousand One Hundred and One (Pagodas 72,101-) is admissible and issuable by Bill from the Presidency.-

4 This Estimate was not received in time to be included in the General Estimate for the ensuing Month.-

I have the honor to be
D.r Sir D.r Sir
[signed] P.s Bruce
M.A.G.

Military Auditor General's Office. Fort S.t George. 20.th January 1808

Order thereon-

Ordered that the Estimates submitted with the foregoing letter be passed for payment in the usual manner, and that the Bill of Exchange drawn in favor of the Honorables the Court of Directors by the Paymaster of His Majesty's 14.th Regiment of Foot be transmitted to the Honorable Court by the next Dispatch.-

Read the following Letter-

From the Secretary at Bombay.

To

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Fort S.t George 22.d January 1808

To George Strachey Esq.re

Secretary to Government at

Fort S.t George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bombay states that Lieutenant French of this Establishment will draw his Pay and allowances at that Presidency until he can proceed to Europe.

I am directed to Communicate to you, for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council at Fort S.t George that the Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to permit Lieutenant French of the Madras Establishment to draw his Pay and Allowances at this Presidency up to the period of the Dispatch of the Ships for Europe.—

Lieutenant French has received his Pay and Allowances in Arrears for November, and in Advance for December last, and to no later period from the Paymaster in Kanara.—

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

Bombay Castle
1.st January 1808.

/signed/ Wm Newnham
Sec.y to Govt. M.D.

From Captain Sall of His Majesty's 84.th Regiment

To
G. Strachey Esq.re
&c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir,

From Captain Sall
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Having obtained permission of the Commander in—

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of His Majesty's 47th. Regiment Requests to draw Pay and allowances until he can embark for Europe, on the sick Certificate with which he has been furnished.

in Chief to return to Europe on a Sick Certificate, and finding I am likely to be detained here for some time, I have to request I may be permitted to draw the Allowance granted to Officers of my rank for the time I may be in this Country.—

19th January 1808

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

(signed) Wm. Sall
Capt.n 47th. Regt.

Order thereon

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with Copies of the foregoing Letters, and that He be desired to adjust the claim of Captain Sall of His Majesty's 47th. Regiment in conformity with the Regulations of the Service.—

" J. H. Barlow

"

" H. Petrie

" C. Oakes

" J. F. Thomas major

Copies

Office Sec.t Consult
22d. January 1808 Pages 22.
Copied by T. Thompson.
for Duncan

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Diary.

23d. Received and Sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M. B. No. 70-71-72-73-74-75-

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From the Acting Secy. to the Govt. at Fort William — From Mr. Thornhill — With Letter to the Secretary and Accountant to the Military Board at this Presidency —

From the Mily. Audt. General — From Major Bruce — Reports the Amount of Advances &c. &c. in the Military Department for the Months of August 1807.

From the Acting Accountt. General — From Mr. Moore — Recommending that pay and allowances may be advertized to be issued to the Troops on or about the 5th. February. —

To the Commander in Chief — To Lieutenant General Macdowall — With Extracts from Proceedings in Council in this Department 20th. and 22d. Instant. —

To Ditto — To Ditto — With Extract from Proceedings 20th. Instant for communication to the Medical Board —

To

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To the Milty. Audt Genl.

To the Military Auditor General

With Extracts of Letters from the Public Department to the Acting Magistrate at Pondichery and to the Officer Commanding at Ganjam —

To Ditto

To Ditto — Desiring that the Claim of Captain W. Salle His Majesty's 47th Regiment may be adjusted and debited to the Government at Bombay. Likewise transmits a Letter relative to Pay and allowances issued to Lieutenant French at Bombay.

To the Military Paymaster Genl.

To the Military Paymaster General

With the Military Auditor Generals' Report on additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Paymaster General Hiring' Troops for Current Month. —

25th

Received and sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 78-79-

From Major General Lysaght —

From the Officer Comg. Northern Division of the Army. —

Stating the loss sustained by the Troops at Chicacole on account of Exchange —

To

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Fort St. George 26th. January 1808.

To the Mily. Audt
General.—

To the Military Auditor General

With Extract of a Letter to the Acting Magistrate at
Pondicherry the 21st. Instant.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart. & K.B.

Governor and President

Tuesday the
26th. January 1808.

William Petrie
Thomas Oakes
and
J. H. Casamajor
} Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read
and Approved.—

Recommending
that Lieut.t A Stock
be appointed Dep.ty
Secy to the Military
Board & Lieutenant
F.N. Balmain be
appointed Assistant.

The President recommends that
Lieutenant Arthur Stock Assistant under the Secretary
to the Military Board be appointed Deputy Secretary
to that Board in the room of Captain Lieutenant
Morrison appointed Paymaster at Hydrabad and that
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant F. N. Balmain of the 6.th Regiment of Native Cavalry be appointed Assistant under the Secretary en succession to Lieutenant Stock—

Lieut.t Hodgson appointed Fort Adjutant of Cannanore.

The President further recommends that Lieutenant Hodgson of the 22.d Regiment of Native Infantry be appointed Fort Adjutant of Cananore, vice Turner—

Approved and Ordered accordingly.—

Read the following Letter from the Commander in Chief, His Military Secretary and the Adjutant General of the Army—

The Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

From the Commander in Chief - regrets the loss to the Army sustained by Lieut.t Colonel Agnew and Major Pearce being removed from their situations as Adjutant and Deputy Adjut.t General

The removal of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew from the Office of Adjutant General of the Army under this Establishment, affords

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affords me an occasion of expressing my sincere regret that any circumstance should have occurred to deprive the Army of the valuable Services of this distinguished and respectable Officer.—

The zeal ability and gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Agnew in every instance where his skill and exertions have been required, have tended uniformly to increase his reputation, and to do credit to the selection of the successive Governors and Commander in Chief, whose Commendations have so frequently proved the high opinion they entertained of his poletical talents and Military merits.— These records which have established his well earned fame will prove a lasting source of consolation to him, under the severest pressure.

Although I have not had the good fortune to reap the benefit of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew's experience and Judgement in the Field, he deserves my best acknowledgements for the correct and Judicious manner in which he has carried on the important duties of the

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the Adjutant Generals office, since I have been at the head of the Army; the clearness of his arrangements, the Justness of his discrimination, and the readiness of pen have afforded me peculiar Satisfaction, and have been of incalculable advantage in almost every departe-ment. It is my wish that these sentiments of approc-bation and regard, should be conveyed to the Court of Directors. —

In Justice also to Major Pearce who has been removed from the office of Deputy Adjutant General, I have much pleasure in asserting that few men in the Service have higher claims — either as a Regimental or a Staff officer. During a period of Twenty four years his conduct has ev invariably met with the applause of his immedie-ate superiors, and his assiduity and attention have often merited the praise of those who could best appreciate his deserts, he has given me entire sa-tisfaction for the perspicuous and intelligent manner

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manner in which he has performed his duty. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Madras

14th. January 1808.

(Signed) H. Macdowall

Minute thereon. —

The Board entirely concur in

the Commendations bestowed by the Commander in Chief

on Lieutenant Colonel Agnew and Major Pierce, and

they will not fail to State to the Honorable Court of

Directors the favorable opinion which is entertained of

the General merit of both those Officers. —

The Chief Secretary

of Government

Sir,

From the Commander in Chief - The corps at Chandergerry has been relieved and the Sepoys appear innocent of the imputed robbery - Orders will be issued to Officers on command of Districts to pay attention to the discretion of those they appoint to out-Stations. —

I have the honor to state for the

information of the Honorable the Governor in Council

that the party under Lieutenant Mallandian which

was stationed at Chandergurry has been relieved, but

in Justice to the Native officers and Sepoys it is

proper to add, that on a full investigation of the

subject they were found to be entirely innocent of the

imputed

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imputed robbery of the piece of Ordnance or of any act of insubordination.—

Although the existing orders permit an Officer in Command of a battalion (vide G. O. enclosed N° 1) to select for detachment, yet Lieutenant-Colonel Macaulay seems to have been aware of the youth and inexperience of his Officers, and was anxious to continue the only two Captains he had in the Posts of Chittoor and Chandergherry, on this he was overruled by the late Commander in Chief Copies of the two letters which passed on this occasion are herewith transmitted N°s 2 - and 3 -

It is my intention to direct Circular Letters to be dispatched to Officers in Command of Divisions and Districts &c. calling their attention to the necessity of chusing persons of knowledge, and discretion to place in Charge of detachments, garrisons or out-posts, but it does not appear to me that any other regulation is required—

I have

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) H. Macdowall

Madras
to
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General Orders.

Head Quarters of the Army
Choultry Plan 15th April 1806

G. O. By the Commander in Chief

In consequence of a recent reference to the Commander in Chief which shews that a mistaken opinion on the nature of Rosters is entertained by many in the Army, His Excellency deems it necessary to explain this point in public Orders.—

The Regulations of the Service have directed that, "the tour of duty shall be from the eldest downwards"— and on this principle a Roster for all ordinary duties is necessarily kept;— but this regulation by no means precludes an Officer Commanding from exercising his discretion in the Selection of an Officer to Command a Detachment, or for any other duty; nor

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is any Officer who may not have been Selected, althó' first on the Roster of ordinary duty; warranted to question such right of Selection by any reference or remonstrance on the Subject; — nor can he do so, without failing in that respect which it is incumbent on every Military Man to shew to the Orders of his Superior Officer and which the Commander in Chief feels himself bound to enforce —

It is by no means the intention of the Commander in Chief by forbidding unnecessary and improper references grounded on mistaken Ideas of the Customs of Service, to discountenance appeals to Superior authority in cases of real grievance. It is on the Contrary His Excellency's desire, that such appeals when stated in proper and respectful terms, may always be forwarded through the regular Channel of communication, accompanied by such comments and observations as the Superior Officer through whom they are transmitted may deem necessary

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in explanation of the Subject.— Officers making such
Appeals will do so on their personal responsibility; and
the Commander in Chief will ever be equally disposed
to redress a real grievance, and to check with Severity the
unnecessary or ill founded Statements of the litigious or
the insubordinate.—

(Signed) F. Cappier
Adjt. General

To the Quarter Master General
of the Army
Fort St. George

Sir,

Three Companies shall be sent off
to relieve an equal Detail at Chittoore as soon as they
receive their Pay for August agreeable to the Instructions
contained in your Letter of the 4th Instant.—

I beg you will state to his Excel-
lency the Commander in Chief that I have taken upon
myself to continue Captain Boardman in the Com-
mand of the Detachment at Chittoore until his Ex-
cellency's

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Excellency's pleasure is known having no Captain — present to Detach and only Young Officers — I have also continued Captain Long in the Command of Chandernagherry as I have only Young Officers to Detach I trust this arrangement will meet with his Excellency's approbation. —

/Signed/ A. McCally
Lieut.t Col.o Com.g
1.st Batt.n 18.th N. Regt.
and Tripassore.

Tripassore
5th September
1807.

A true Copy
(Signed/ A. McCally
Lieut.t Col.o Commanding
1.st Batt.n 18.th N. Regt.

To the Officer Commanding
The 1.st Batt.n 18th Regiment

Sir,

His Excellency the Commander in Chief directs that you will detach from the Corps

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Corps under your Command in charge of the Companies under Orders to Chittore and Chandernagherry, 2 Senior Subalterns who will relieve the Officers at present in Command of those Garrisons. —

(Signed) V. Blacker

Deputy Quarter Mr. General

Dy. Mr. Generals Office
8th September 1807.

A True Copy

(Signed) A. McCally
Lieut. Colo. Commanding
1st Batt. 18th N. Regt.

The foregoing communication is very satisfactory to the Board —

The Chief Secretary of Government

Sir.

In compliance with the desire expressed by the Honorable the Governor in Council conveyed to me in the Military Secretary's letter of the 16th Instant that I should concur in the necessity of

From the Commander in Chief — Submits the report made to the late Commander in Chief respecting the depot at Arcot, thinks it may be dispensed with during peace. States the situation of Mr. Adjt. Ring. —

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of discontinueing the Depot at Arcot I take this opport-
=tunity of laying before Government the Report which
I made to the late Commander in Chief on the subject of
this Establishment and to state, that during Peace it may
be dispensed with without any material injury to the
Service. —

The institution having been par-
=ticularly patronized by Sir John Cradock it was my
wish that a fair experiment should be allowed. but
I am so fully aware of the necessity of relieving the pub-
=lic burthens that I can have no reasonable objection
to the officers and men joining their Corps immediately —
at the Head quarters of every Regiment the means for
instruction have been deemed ample. but should the
Army again be employed in the Field I would strongly
recommend the reestablishment of the Depôts —

I may here be permitted generally
to observe that by suppressing every thing actually
Superfluous that the Honorable the President
in Council will have it more in his power to introduce

many

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many improvements in the Army without which it cannot be said to be efficient or available. —

Before I close the Subject of the Depot permit me to bring to the notice of Government the case of Mr. King the Adjutant; this very deserving man is placed in a most embarrassing predicament. and should the liberality of the Honorable the President in Council not be extended to him. he and his family will be left perfectly destitute — until I can address His Excellency the Commander in Chief and endeavour to procure for Mr. King an Ensigncy in the Kings Services I earnestly entreat that his pay as Adjutant may be continued to him —

I would recommend that the Horses and mares be delivered over to the Paymaster to be disposed of as soon as possible —

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Madras

23d January 1808.

(Signed) Hay. Macdowall

Observations on the Depot at Arcot.

When the Commander in Chief

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a few months ago determined to recommend to Government the formation of an institution for the Education of young Officers and recruits intended for the Cavalry. it was no doubt with a view to correct many defects, real or imaginary and to improve this very important branch of the Service. —

His Excellency was probably led to adopt this measure from a conviction of its utility founded on the advantages resulting from similar Establishments in other countries. or had himself remarked that the European and Native Regiments under his immediate Control were not perfect in their respective duties, and had not those opportunities of accomplishing themselves, without which it is in vain to expect that Cavalry can be victorious in the field —

Having premised this, I own that it is with extreme diffidence and embarrassment I receive His Excellency's Command to take a general and extensive survey of an Establishment which having in the first instance been approved of by his

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his Superior Judgement and experience and sanctioned by the
mature deliberations of the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council of Fort St. George seemed only to require the
lapse of a given period to prove its usefulness and efficiency -
In the British Dominions there is
only so far as I have learnt. one Depot and that. if I am
not mistaken. was founded for the recruits of Regiments
on foreign Service. I am not sufficiently informed whether
the men Enlisted for the Cavalry Serving in India -
derive any very permanent benefit from it, and indeed
as they are but partially taught they probably forget
their lessons long before they reach their Corps. and must
commence the Riding school drill with the same disc
- advantage that they experienced before they mounted
a horse - Should this be the fact I presume that the
Duke of york chiefly depends upon the exertions of
Officers in charge of Regiments for the discipline of the
men annually destined for this country - I may add
that it forms a part of this Royal Highness' system

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to direct that all Recruits at the Maidstone Depot. belonging to Regiments arriving from abroad do immediately Join Head Quarters. —

There have been of late years such a number of Treatises published, many under authority on the mode of instructing the young soldier that any remarks of mine on this subject would be superfluous and misplaced: the best method has perhaps not yet been discovered, and no conclusion can be drawn but from an exact Knowledge of the numbers of officers and men who, by the aid of able and intelligent instructors in a certain space, are proved to be completely disciplened, and who upon Joining their Regiments are found equal to every duty —

I regret that the short duration of the Arcot Depot precludes me from furnishing His Excellency with the means of Judging decisively, and it will appear from the enclosed paper, marked A. containing a few primary queries proposed by me

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to the Superintending Officer with his answers that several months must yet pass by before the full effect can be duly appreciated ——

I forbear entering at large upon the discussion of a point which tho' believed by many to be intimately connected with the credit and respectability of an Officer in Command of a Regiment does not perhaps upon reflexion possess that weight which may at first sight be supposed to attach to it. I allude to the Kings' Commands expressed in his Royal Commission which leaves no option to the officer, but imposes upon him the very material duty of disciplining his Officers and men, and for which purpose a competent Regimental Staff is allowed; nor will I press upon His Excellency's attention the feelings of an officer who must in future receive the men in whom his own respectation and the honour of his Corps depends from an Institution which he perhaps disapproves of and considers unnecessary. — A remedy may be proposed of assembling a Board of Officers, competent

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to the task, to examine minutely once a year or oftener, the Subalterns and Recruits European and Native reported fit to join, and this Step might Seem to be sufficient to crush every objection, and prevent all cavilling remonstrances levelled against the Depot or those who had been trained at it, but men of a certain rank and standing on the Army who have served long and with applause and who are persuaded their own System of discipline is preferable will not readily abandon their prepossessions and between prejudice and wounded pride they will be apt to receive the institution with Jealousy and repugnance —

The annexed paper B presented to me by Lieutenant Colonel Gillespie is written with all the ardour of a Zealous and skilfull Officer conscientiously impressed with the necessity of the Institution, and intent upon advancing it to the highest pitch of perfection —

I request that His Excellency —

will

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will give these remarks his serious consideration. they are all forcible. but the reasons are peculiarly strong section 3d last paragraphs which have for their object the maintenance of a Depot in time of actual hostility when Corps are advanced into the Centre of the Peninsula, and which in that case would be of incalculable benefit to the Public —

The suggestions of the Lieutenant Colonel upon other points likewise deserve notice and it must be confessed his professional Knowledge deserving a long series of active services renders him eminently qualified for the situation to which the Government have been pleased to nominate him —

That nothing may be neglected which can contribute to the improvement and success of the plan, I am of opinion that permission should be granted to Recruit for the native Cavalry at

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at the Depot. the officers and noncommissioned Officers can take charge of the men who may enlist, with the approbation of the Superintending Officer, and they will have the advantage of immediately begining their exercises: it may be proper to allow the Recruits to select a favorite Regiment—

While I remained at Arcot I attended daily one or more branches of the Depot arrangement; the varied performances of the Officers and men on foot and on horseback under the direction of Captain Davidson and Adjutant Fleng; several of the officers have made considerable progress in horsemanship and the mangement of the Sword, and many of the Recruits are as far advanced in the different exercises as could be expected in so short a period as seven or eight weeks—

The Squadron of Europeans and Natives I inspected, and I was highly gratified and agreeably Surprised to observe it so perfect in—

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in all the incipient evolutions, they were performed with a celerity and precision which affords a fair promise of future excellence, and reflects great credit on their instructors. —

I have to lament that the severe indisposition of Lieutenant Colonel Gillespie deprived me of the aid I should otherwise have obtained, had it been in his power to accompany me in the course of my enquiries; he might have cleared up many points and suggested others which would have enabled me to make this Report more worthy of the Commander in Chief's perusal. —

To conclude, my unbiassed Judgement leads me decidedly to recommend that the Depot at Arcot considering all the circumstances under which it has been formed should have a fair and impartial trial; in short, that from its own works it should prove its own value, and that Government should afford it ample assistance and protection

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protection. One year or eighteen months will be sufficient for this purpose, during which time frequent inspections should take place, by General or other officers duly qualified, who should candidly report their sentiments on the progressive improvements of men and horses.—

As the Horses now in use at the Depot are old stiff, and nearly worn out it would be desirable were fifteen or twenty from the next remount appropriated for the duties of the Riding School.—

As the Establishments proposed by Lieutenant Colonel Gillespie in the paper C are not yet fixed I refrain from entering into any calculation of the expence, but if the experiment succeeds in every respect this will become but a secondary object—

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31st August 1807

(Signed) Hay. Macdowall

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Queries proposed to the Superintending Officer of the Depot at Arcot

Answer

How long has the Institution been established?

1st The Institution has been Established since the 7th of April in Government orders - but the Superintending Officer has only Commenced his Drills from the 6th of June - But many Details have joined since that period. -

During that period how many European Officers & have quitted the Depot. & in what state of progressive improvement are they? -

One; and many of the their Regiments in 3 or 4 Months, and many of the men in Six or Seven. -

How many men European and Native have been perfected -

None, not having yet time Sufficient - the

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Queries-

perfected in discipline and have joined their Regiments or when are any likely to be reported fit for Service?—

the rest answered in the above query.—

How many months are necessary to render tractable and attentive recruits fit for Field duty?—

At least nine, to make them perfect in every branch:—

How many Horses have been trained?—

None— Some Officers who have Received Horses from the late Remount, Have their Horses in training— but they are not yet dismissed by the Riding Master-

Of the Officers and men who have quitted Arcot, have all or how many been found fully qualified

There has not been Sufficient time to Answer this Query—

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qualified to fulfill their respective duties, and have they been approved of as well drilled Soldiers by the Officers in Command of Regiments.—

How many horses have been allotted to the Depôt, and are they proper for the purposes required — of the 2d Regiment

(Signed) W. Macdowall

Arcot 22d August 1807.

Eighteen Horses from each Regiment is the number allotted by Government. But the Details of the 2d have not arrived and only three horses of the 5th — many Horses of the Details with the exception of three Regiments (22d 4th and 6th) are very unfit indeed for the purposes of the Depôt — from Age or being worn out — which makes it difficult to teach the Officers and men the more advanced Stages of Horsemanship and Field

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Field manœuvres.

(Signed) A. H. Davidson

Superintending Officer

Cavalry Detachment.

August 23d 1807.

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1st In all the Cavalry Regiments in this Country, very little attention indeed is paid to the Most Material and necessary point of Horsemanship, without which neither Officer nor Soldier

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can possibly act either on the Offensive or defensive against an Enemy or make a figure with any effect in the Field.- without this necessary qualification his whole time, that Should otherwise be materially employed either to offend or defend, is taken up in attending to and Keeping himself upon his Horse, his attention thus occupied cannot be with drawn to Objects of greater Consequence - He is prevented from making use of his Eyes. his Faculties are entirely Absorbed, and the vivacity that a Dragoon should be possessed of, is lost from a want of Confidence in himself.

Whereas if an Officer or Dragoon is a perfect Horseman, the moment he comes into the Field he feels himself to be at home that his Ears are open to every word of Command, his attention is neither divided nor distracted, and his ideas are drawn but to one focus, and he has nothing to do, but to Obey the Orders he receives in the most exact manner, and if he has an Enemy before him, he has but one point in view, - to watch and to annoy.—

It is unnecessary to make any Comment upon

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upon the Contrast the men of the Depot Squadrons that have been only Six Weeks on Horseback are an example for what has been said—

2d. Very little attention indeed is paid to young Officers to instruct them in professional Movements— Colonel Gillespie will almost venture to say that there are not Six young Officers in the whole— Cavalry Capable of exercising a Squadron, to remedy this Evil is a main principle of the Depot.— to put every young Officer into the Ranks the moment he has a Seat on Horseback, and gradually and fundamentally to instruct him in his profession.—

By this means he acquires imperceptibly a Knowledge of his Profession, which from the radical Instruction he has received, can never be effaced from his Memory, and the number of Young men Assembled at the Depot and formed into different Classes will naturally excite an Emulation,— like Boys at Eton or Westminister who from the juniors to

Forms—

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Forms gradually arise, and their Ambition expands as they rise —

3d In the European and Native Regi= ments beginning with the European it is often the case that the Constitution of an Adjutant or Riding master is scar= dom Sufficiently Strong in a Climate like that of India, to undergo the different Fatigues that are attached to their different Situations. So as to do justice to the Various Branches, to which they are obliged to pay attention — Let any Officer for one instant reflect upon the Duties of an Adjutant or Riding Master in this Country - parc= ticularly the former, — It is unnecessary to expatiate further upon the Subject. — The Nature of the Depot takes from their Shoulders a great deal of that trouble which is the most fatiguing and vexatious that of breaking in young Officers and Recruits in a warm Climate - and affords him the Adjutant leisure to pay attention to many essential parts of the Interior of his Regiment which are too Apt to be Slurred Over —

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As there is but one principle at present in Cavalry Movements, surely the European Officer must be happy to receive these Recruits ready formed to his hands and fit to be put into the Ranks, and his Officers on the first day of joining adequate to take the Command of a Squadron or half Squadron, moreover if the European Regiment happens to be on Service in the Field and it receives a hundred raw Recruits and five or Six raw young Officers- Colonel Gillespie begs leave to ask what use they can possibly be of- or how they are to be broke in under Similar Circumstances?— they are an incumberance, they cannot join the Regiment, they are left at Poonamallee, or Some other Sink of Corruption and are lost to the Service for ever- The Depot being near the Presidency is open to receive them— they have their Comforts, they have Officers, and they have Barracks— they have an opportunity for a few Months of Seasoning themselves to the Climate of the Country, they are professionally instructed.— and in the Course of a very Short time become Officers, and Dragoons ready—

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ready to take the Field against an Enemy—

4th. We well know in the Native Cavalry remote as their Situations generally are, that but little attention indeed is paid to the Instruction of either the Officers or the Men, particularly in respect to Riding. they have no principle - they have what they call a Native Riding Master who in general is perfectly ignorant of what he is to instruct them in - the young Officer from his Colour and a variety of other Circumstances is too much accustomed to disregard what he says, and he is Subjected to the Caprice of every Officer Commanding a Troop who may have a different mode of instructing - from his own. —

There is no established System notwithstanding the Kings Regulations — and no two Regiments Manauvre a-like; - or have the same word of Command - Colonel Gillespie can speak to this from ocular demonstration —

To recapitulate the whole the Colonel Conceives the Depot found at Arcot as a most

desirable

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desirable Establishment — By it Officers will be instruct-
-ed in their relative Duties — Men properly drilled and
movements taught Accordinding to Regulations — and the
same word of Command will be known throughout the
whole Cavalry. So that in large Bodies no Confusion can
ensue — and the Regiments Composing the Cavalry in this
Country will be regularly Supplied with drilled Men
and if in the Field fed and recruited from it. —

(Signed) R. R. Gillespie

Lieut. Colonel

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that the Commander in
Chief be requested to submit the Draft of a General
Order for the immediate abolition of the Cavalry Depot
at Arcot, and that the Paymaster at Vellore be direct-
-ed to receive the Horses and Mares belonging to the
Depot for the purpose of disposing of them by Public
Auction —

Resolved that Mr. King be permi-
-mitted to draw the Allowances of an Adjectant until
the Commander in Chief shall be enabled to provide

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for that Gentleman in another manner —

The Chief Secretary

of Government

Sir,

From the Commandg in Chief Solicits the pardon of Government to several Cadets accused of riot &c. letter from two of whom are submitted —

Having received from the Officer Commandeng the Cadet Company an explanation which I judge to be Satisfactory regardeng the conduct of Mr. Clarke, / to which Gentleman the resolutions of the Honorable the Governor in Council of the 18th. Ulto. has reference) and the other young men who had been accused of various acts of riot and insubordenation having expressed — sincere sorrow for their offences, and shown an evident disposition to reform, which Captain Pollok believes he may rely upon; having besides received a very favorable Report from the Adjutant General of the proficiency of the Cadets in Discipline, and from Lieutenant Stewart of the 11th. Regement, who I had appointed to examine them, of their improvement in language, I am inclined to forgive what has passed and to trust to the Solemn promises which have been made.

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made to the Officer in charge of a thorough amendment—

In soliciting the concurrence of Govern-
ment to lenity, I have the honor to state that the resolve-
tions of the Honorable the Governor in Council, to dismiss
Mr. Auchinleck from the Company's Service, and to send
him to Europe, has been attended with the best effect,
and has made a deep impression on the minds of the
most thoughtless — I expect he will arrive in a few
days for the purpose of being embarked on one of the
ships of the spring fleet —

The accompanying letters from two
of the Cadets I beg may be laid before the Board—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obt.

(Signed) Hay Macdowall

Madras
23d January 1808.

To the Officer Commanding
The Company of Gentlemen Cadets
and new Town of Cuddalore 17th Jany. 1808.

Sir,

Agreeable to your orders I shall
now

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now state the whole of the affair for which I have been in confinement. That on the evening of the 1st of December I understand there was a disturbance in the Buzar about 10 o'clock, which I was accused as being one but will give my honor I was in my quarters the remaining part of the Evening after 7 o'clock I was in the Buzar at a little before 6 but returned to my quarters at 6 to take Tea / my going in the Buzar I ever since conceived was wrong, I being on the sick list at the time / but I went to bed without it, at which time Mr. Eyles was taking Tea in my quarters, he did not leave my Room untill 8 o'clock at a little before 8 Mr. Stott came in and remained with me untill 9 o'clock after he left me I locked the door and immediately went to bed; on my rising the next Morning I was informed that Lieutenant Freeman had been the night before to my quarters and I think reported me absent but I will solemnly give my honor I was not out of my quarters after Mr. Stott left me.

That on the evening I was detected with a Pistol which

was -

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was not mine, nor did I fire it- I was then in the act of concealing it to prevent the detection of Mr. Hevey and will give my honor I did not fire nor have any Hand in the disturbances of that evening—

(Signed) Edward Clarke

Cadet-

To the Officer Commanding

The Company of Gentlemen Cadets &c.

Sir,

The extreme unpleasant situation under which I have lately laboured induces me now to address you on the Subject- That I have erred, it is true, and to attempt to vindicate my conduct would only be a palliation of my crime but "Sir" I have suffered much greater punishments that the privation of liberty or even the Absense of friends — I most duply regret, that the paroxism of a foolish moment, should not only have placed me under the displeasure of my Commanding Officer, but also am much

distressed

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distressed, that I should have been guilty of Conduct, for which I am most justly suffering that I trust Sir, that the Self Conviction of a Crime, with the future promise of Amendment must in the "feeling minds," plead some thing for me — Let me conjure you as my Commanding Officer and as I doubt not but you are the friend of every Cadet, to use your influence in my behalf. I do assure you should I be so fortunate as to be reinstated in your good opinion, that I will Study every means of affording future Satisfaction —

(Signed) G. Newman
Cadt.

New Town Cuddalore
16th. January 1808.

Resolutions thereon —

Resolved in consideration of the favorable change which has taken place in the sentiments and conduct of the Gentlemen Cadets alluded to in the foregoing letter, that they be relieved from the displeasure of the Board. —

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to report the measures which

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We may have pursued in consequence of the complaints preferred against Ensigns Swyer and Gilbert—and whether any compensation has been given to the Servants of the Civil Magistrate, who were ill treated in the course of the disturbance lately committed at Cuddalore particularly in the case of Lieutenant Maule—

George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Mil. Sec.y to the Commander in Chief—
Lays before the Board the enclosed petition of Jemedar Shaik Daood, with the recommendation of the Commander in Chief—

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that you will be pleased to lay the enclosed petition from Invalid Jemadar Shaik Daood, before The Honorable the Governor in Council.

The uncommon Hardships which this man has Suffered, and his approved fidelity to the English Interests as Certified by Lieutenant Colonel Corner in a paper which is Enclosed in His petition—all unite in rendering Shaik Daood in the Commander in Chiefs mind an object highly deserving

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the liberal Consideration of Government.—

His Excellency accordingly recommends that the Sufferings and Services of the Invalid Jemadar Shaick Dood be further remunerated, by his being permitted to draw the full pay of a Subidar from the 1st day of the present year—

His Excellency is persuaded, that the Honorable the Governor in Council, will Consider this to be a Case, highly meriting reward and encouragement—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Macpherson
M. S.

Commander in Chiefs Office
20th January 1808.

To the Worshipfull Colonel Chr. Corner
&c. &c. &c.

The humble Representation of
Shaik Dowd Jemadar 7th Company
of Native Infy. at Pondamalee

Most humbly Sheweth,

That with due submission, and
respect.

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respect your Representator humbly begs leave to trouble your Honor with a detail of his Grievance, which your Representator earnestly entreats your Honor, would be pleased to take his deplorable Case into your Serious consideration—

That in the Year 1780 he was an Havildar in the 14th Battalion of Sepoy then on duty at Vellore Command by General Lang, whom one day ordered out the Battalion, and Proposed to the Native Officers, and Sepoys for one or more of them to go to Hyderally's Dominions; and inform himself particularly of the intentions of the Sultaun, whom he had been informed, was preparing to invade the Carnatic; he was also pleased to say, he would promote the Person or Persons, that should bring true and particular Intelligence; to the highest Rank in the Service, every in the Battn declined the enterprize, but himself and two Brothers, who were Vague with said Battn Consented and went to Hyders Country, and inform themselves of his preparations fully and reported to General Lang That Hyderally was nearly ready to invade the Carnatic—

but

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but the promised promotion was not Conferred on-
your Representator or his Brother — Shortly after Hyderally
began his Invasion in attacking Arcot, Erected Many
Battaries round that Fortress Captain Prendergast and
Mungomery defended the said Fort during which Sige-
General Lang gave him a letter with an order to deliver
it to the said Officer — Although Hyderally Army
surrounded Arcot your Representator Contrived to
deliver the letter to the Hands of Captain Prendergast
and Mungomery, and brought an answer to General
Lang, but still the aforesaid promotion was for=
gotten. —

After Arcot Capitulated, to
Hyderally he attempted to take Vellore, When
General Lang Colonels Wahab, Sale, Cuppage Capts.
Parr and Doctor Lucas, prevailed with him to
proceed and send out the Strength of the Enemy their
number of Guns and the Road, for our Army to
pass, which he accordingly Effected by disguising himself

like

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like a Puckally and Carrying Water to their Army -
Whereby he observed every thing passing for the Days,
returned back with the necessary Intelligence to General
Lang &c. Who the very next Morning set out by the
way he Pointed out & Nailed up 20 Guns demolished
their Battalion; took Prisoners, of 2 French Soldiers
2 Drummers and 2 Sultaun Flags - and returned -
to Vellore with 2 Companys of European Soldiers and
2 Companys of Native. At which time the European Officers
and Native &c. were very much distressed for want
of Pay, Owing to Hyderally preventing all Commu-
nication from the Presidency, with the said Garrison
Inconsequence General Lang gave him a Letter to Carry
it to Madras, Which he accordingly delivered to the
Town Major then late General Sydenham, who
was pleased to intrust the Money to your Respt.
Which he delivered to General Lang in the above
Manner, he several times Recived sums and delivered
the Money to General Lang in Vellore _ When

Vellore

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Vellore failed in Provision the said Gentleman requested your Respt.e to discover, where Hyderally Provision and Cattle were Stored, he disguised himself in the habit of an Astrologer, for 15 days and Noted the Provision and Cattle of the Enemys, and Returned and Reported the News to General Lang — Who set out with 2 Companys of Europeans and 2 Companys of Natives, with 4 Guns whom your Respt.e conducted and they got full possession of the Provisions &c. In this manner he went and brought the News of the Provision &c. Sentimes by by assuming different habeit and dress — Colonel of Cuttpage afterwards Commanded at Vellore, who Recd a letter from the Officers imprisoned in Bangalore by Hyderally, who desired him to Carry a letter to Madras — he arrived Safely at the Presidency, and give it to the Town Major Lydenham, who delivered him Purse of Money and told him that the Right Honorable Lord Macartney had directed him to give those Purses to the Gentlemans Prisoners in Bangalore — Your Respt.e

went

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went accordingly to Bangalore and without fear of his life and delivered the Money to the Gentlemans as ordered in the above Mentioned Manner. Three times Carried Money to the said Gentlemans, but unfortunately the Fourth time he was detected and imprisoned. After the lapse of three Months, Mr. Sadlier arrived, and the Governors Private Secretary Effected the Release of all the Offi-cers of Europians inconfinement, your Respt. then in Close confinement loaded with Irons, had no notice of taken. He therefore sent word to Mr. Sadlier of his si-tuation, when this Gentleman went to the Killadar, and asked for his release, but the said Killadar answered he had no orders from Tippoo, to release your Respt. and advised Mr. Sadlier to Write to Tippoo concerning it, Mr. Sadlier waited the whole day expecting Tippoos answer. Which being returned the Contents ware that Tippoo expressed a Curiosity to see your Respt., and then he should release him. Therefore Mr. Sadlier gave him 20 Pagodas before the Killadar, saying in

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three Months obtain his release —

Two years afterwards, Tippoo ordered all the Prisoners to be brought to Seringapatam, where saw them Personally; the Moment he received your Respt. Tippoo ordered the Noble of Court to assemble and devise punishment for my Crime, who determined on inflecting Five different Modes — The 1st to Punish him with 900 Stripe with Bulls Piggle — The 2d to Confine him Dungeon for 7 Months, and to live on Rice without Salt — The 3d to be tied to the Feet of an Elephant which as Divine Procedence, and fate would have it did not move for three hours, Though the rider used his Irons to it very Severely — The 4th to place him on a Wooden Horse on the back which was fixed a Number of Sharp Nails, and to this day the parts were pierced by those Nails are extremely Sore and Gave Blood — The 5th they sentenced Ten Persons to have their Noses and Ears Cut off, and Ten More to — have their feets and Hands Copt. your Respt. was doomed amongst the latter he gave a 100 Pags. to a

Hircar

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Hircar Shaghberry in whose Custody he was at that time, and he, the said Hircar Shagahberry Cut off his Nose and Ears only set him free, Whence he returned to Madras and was Recommended by General Lang to Governor Sir Archibald Campbell who vouchsafed to promote him to the Rank of Jemidar, but afterward he has not been visited by promotion, except in Common, which other Native Officers in the Battalion Inconsequence of his peculiar and hazardous services the pain and disfigurations he has suffered, therefore he emplores your Honors favorable attention, and speak in his behalf either for promotion or at least an Encrease of Pay —

That your Respt. further begs leave to state his lamentable Case that although he is only 40 years of age yet none of the Mussulman of his Cast would allow of his Marrying in their familys, owing to the loss of his Nose and Ears, having Created in them such an aversion. —

Therefore as your Honors is the fountain of Justice mercy and liberality to Military Men

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and being sencible of your Humane fuling, for the great-
hardship of a faithfull Soldier, your Respt.r earnestly begs
your Honor will be graciously please to obtain for him some
additional Sallary in Consideration of his long Zealous, and
dangerous Service, as also 49 Months pray due to his
Brother, who was hanged by Hyderally — Through or
services, he undertook in the Honorable Companys Affairs,
Whose families are maintained by your Respt.r ever since
and having no other support or protection than the infinate
and God-like Charity of your Honor, he places his trust
in your humane Consideration, and your Compliance
with this Act of benevolence will induce your Respt.r
As in duty bound for your Honors
long life for happiness and prosperity —

Ever to Pray

I do hereby Certify that Shake Dawd
Jemedar of the 7.th Company of Native Invalids the
bearer of the accompanying Petition, has stated a number
of facts within that Petition which come within my
Knowledge

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Knowledge, and relating to the relief which was brought to myself and others when Prisoners in Chains at Bangalore. That the sufferings and hard-ships which he has stated, I do believe him to have endured, that the services rendered the Prisoners by the supplies of money brought by him from the Carnatic saved them from the greatest distress, who would otherwise have been naked and almost starving. I consider it therefore my duty and I feel it a pleasure to acknowledge the services of Shake Dowd, in the hope that some benefit may be derived from it to him, whose services all tho liberally rewarded by Government at the remote period he states 1786 a lapse of 20 years, with the encrease of family and the approaching infirmities of age induces him to seek and to solicit a further increase of the means of support —

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18th January 1808 —

(Signed) C. Cornes
Lieut. Colonel

Resolution thereon

Resolved in consideration of the extraordinary

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extraordinary sufferings and unshaken fidelity of Jemadar Shaik Daod as reported by the Commander in Chief that he be permitted to draw the Full Pay of a Subidar of the Third Class from the first day of the present year —

George Strachey Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request you will be pleased to lay the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board before the Honorable the Governor in Council. —

From the Mily. Secy. to the Commander in Chief — Submits the proceedings of the Medical Board respecting cots for the sick Native troops with orders on the same subject, which having been disregarded are now to be enforced —

In reference to the subject of Cots for the Sick of Native Corps, His Excellency Considers it proper to submit the accompanying Papers to the Perusal of the Honorable the Governor in Council — No. 1. is the Authority granted by Government; for the Indulgence No. 2. General Stuarts Report of having Carried the Measure into Effect; and No. 3.

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4 and 5. Copies of the orders issued upon that Head by the then Commander in Chief.—

As it appears from the Medical Board's Report, that those orders have been neglected, His Excellency requests, that you will be pleased to inform the Honorable the Governor in Council, it is his Intention, to remind the Officers Commanding Native Corps. of the orders issued in 1803, and to enforce a Strict Compliance with a Measure, which has obtained the Sanction of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) W. Macpherson
M. S.

Commander in Chief's Office
21st January 1808.—

Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor in Council Dated 8th November 1803.—

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to issue such orders upon the

Extract from the Proceedings of the Medical Board Dated 7th November 1803.—

The second Member having accordingly resumed his Seat, the Board

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the Subject of this Paragraph as he shall consider to be conducive to the Health of the Native Troops, consistently with the consideration of Public Economy—

Board beg leave to forward an Extract from the last Official Report of the Superintending Surgeon of the Center Division, wherein in the advantages of Cumbly Cloaks as Coverings; Cotts or Carpets to lie on in particular Situations, and Spirits occasionally for Sick Sepoys the result of his personal observations while on his visiting Tours appear to the Board so promising towards the preservation and comfort of the Native Soldiers, and Consequently to the Benefit of the Public Service, that they

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they are enduced to Submit them as well as the expediency of ordering the Erecting or otherwise providing an Hospital for the Native Sick at Vellore, to the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

True Extracts

(Signed) Jo. Strachey

Sec.y to Govt.

A True Copy

(Signed) W. Macpherson

M. S.

For the Commander in Chief —

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

The Commander in Chief has — been furnished with an Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor in Council Dated the 8th of November 1803 requesting him to issue such Orders on the Subject of the recommendation of the Medical Board regarding the Native Sick contained in their Proceedings of

the

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the 7th of November, as he should consider conducive to the Health of the Native Troops, consistently with the Considerations of Public economy—

The Commander in Chief has directed Estimates to be prepared with Plans for the construction of a Native Hospital at Vellore, after ascertaining that the Native Sick of Corps in that Garrison could not without inconvenience be received into the General Hospital— A certain number of Cotts have also been Ordered for the Regimental Hospitals of Native Corps when Stationed in Garrison or Cantonment— and Cumly Cloaks have long formed an Article of the regular Equipment of each Native Soldier—

The Commander in Chief does not feel himself Competent to pass an opinion on the Medical expediency of allowing Spirits for the use of the native Sick, but in a general Military Consideration of the subject he is extremely unwilling to graft any practice on the System of the Service, which can tend to encourage the tendency to improper Habits in Native Soldiers, many of whom

have

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have acquired that of drinking to excess. He is by no means desirous of withholding from the Sick any necessary Comforts but He fears that the Measure proposed would produce more abuse of the Public Indulgence, than benefit to the objects of the Attention of Government—

(Signed) J. Stuart

9th December 1803

A True Copy

(Signed) W. Macpherson

M. S.

To Alexander Anderson Esqr.

Superintending Surgeon in Mysoor

Sir,

The Commander-in-Chief has sanc-tioned the repair of the Hospital Cots and Quilts for the Native Sick, as recommended by you, in Mysore and directs you to proceed forthwith to place them in a Serviceable State, the Bills for the Extra expence beyond what can be done by the Artificers of the Corps, who have been ordered to assist to the

extent

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extent of their means / will be expected on your transmitting them to me for Countersignature by order of the Commander in Chief—

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

Fort St. George
25th. September 1804

To the Officer Commanding
the 1st. Battalion 4th. Regiment
Native Infantry -
Seringapatam

Sir,

The Commander in Chief has directed the Superintending Surgeon in Mysoor to cause the Hospital Cotts of Native Corps in that Division, which require repair, to be put in an Efficient State, and you are hereby directed to give him every Assistance in the power of the Artificers Attached to the 1st. Battalion 4th. Regiment for the repair of the Hospital Cotts &c. attached to that Corps—

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

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Circular on the same date to the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion 5th 1st Battalion 10th and 2d Battalion 17th Regiments Native Infantry —

Circular

To the Officers Commanding

the Southern Division the Districts of Masulipatam, Vizagapatam, and Ganjam, — the Ceded Districts and Vellore —

Sir,

The Commander in Chief directs that you order the Officers Commanding Native Battalions at all the fixed Stations of Corps under your Command to cause Hospital Cots in the proportion of One per Company to be made by the Artificers of the Corps of Country Wood, with Coir or Country Rattan Bottoms, for the use of the worst Cases of their Sick, and placed in Charge of the Surgeon of the ... Corps. the Materials will be purchased by the Commandants and their Bills paid, if Certified

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on honor as the actual Cost—

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/Signed/ P. A. Agnew
Agt. Genl. of the Army.

Medical Board
18th. January 1808.

/ The 3d. Member.

having represented to the Medic
=cal Board, as Superintending
Surgeon for the present Quarter,
the necessity of Cotts for the
worst Cases being furnished the
Native Corps at the Presidency
particularly at this Season of the
year, when Dropsical Diseases
are suddenly induced, and of
which a young man a Sepoy
in the 1st. Battalion of the 20th.
Native Regement, died a few
days ago - and the 3d. Member
having solicited the Board

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to represent the great utility
of them to His Excellency the
Commander in Chief, in the
hope an arrangement in
1803 of the then Commander
in Chief for furnishing 10
Cotts to a Battalion may
be brought forwards as a
Rule of the Service, for
all Native Corps, not provided
for as in Mysoor — the ex-
=pense being trifling and
even thus limited comfort
to the Sick, an object of
great consequence, in the -
Medical treatment of
Sepoys. —

2d The Medical
Board recommend
to His Excellency the
Commander

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Commander in Chief, the adop-
tion of this arrangement, as tend-
ing much to facilitate the treat-
ment of many severe diseases
among Sepoys, which the Surge-
on can with difficulty relieve
when the Sepoys lie on the ca-
ground — the Medical Board
have on a former occasion fully
detailed the utility of greater atten-
tion to Sick Sepoys than is
here pointed out —

(Signed) A. Anderson
Physician General
" T. Lyhagan
M. D and 2d Member
Medical Board —
" A. Berry
3d Member Medical
Board —

The

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the orders issued by the Commander in Chief for the purpose of ensuring greater attention to the Native Sick on the part of Commanding Officers of Corps. —

George Strachey Esqr.

Secy. to Government.

Sir.

From the Mily. Secy. to the Commander in Chief requesting that arrears of H. M. royals amounting to P. 500 Pags. may be discharged —

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request, that you will be pleased to inform the Honorable the Governor in Council, the Officer Commanding His Majesty's Royal Regiment, has represented that a Sum of arrears equal to Seven thousand five Hundred Pagodas is due to the Corps under his Command on account of subsistence —

His Excellency therefore requests that Authority may be given for an advance to that amount and to be accounted for agreeably to the Regulations of the Service —

I have

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) W. Macpherson
M. S.

Commander in Chiefs Office
22d January 1808 -

Resolution thereon

Resolved that authority be given to the Military Auditor General for adjusting the Arrears due to the 2d Battalion of the Royal in conformity to the usual mode. -

George Strachey Esqr.
Secy to Government -

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request you will be pleased to lay the accompanying letter and Bills from Lieutenant Colonel Conner for Stationary &c Expended at an Invaliding Committee, before the Honorable the Governor in Council with His Excellencys recommendation that the Bill be paid —

From Ditto Enclosing a letter from Lieut. Colo Conner with bill for Stationary — expended at an invaliding committee also from Ditto Colo Bell for Compensation in lieu of clothing. —

I have further His Excellencys order to request that the accompanying letter from Lieut.

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No 2 Lieutenant Colonel Bell, may be laid before the Honorable the Governor in Council, in order that the difficulty complained of may be remedied —

Commanderin Chiefs Office
23d January 1808 —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
(Signed) W. Macpherson
A. D.

To G. G. Hebble Esqr.
Acting Chief Secy to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you the accompanying Bill of charges incurred on account of a General Committee for Investigating and Reviewing held by Order of the Commander in Chief at Fort St. George. I beg the favor of you to obtain the necessary authority for Payment of the same. —

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21st December 1807.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
(Signed) C. Corner
Lieut. Col. & President —

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To The Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Sir

Compensation money in lieu of Clothe
-ing for 1806/7 having been drawn agreably to General
Orders, the portion to be paid to the detached Companies of
Artillery of 2.d Battalion at Bellary and Hyderabad,
must be sent from the Head Quarters of the Corps — In
consequence of which an application was made to the Pay-
-master to grant Bills for the amount In his reply /
which is herewith forwarded / he states that no bills can
be granted from his Office in consequence of the General
Order of the 8.th September last — I therefore request this
Letter may be submitted to his Excellency the Commander
in Chief, that I may be enabled to remit the Compensa-
-tion Money —

Saint Tho.s Mount
16.th January 1808 —

(Signed) R. Bell
Lieut.t Colonel Comd.g
2.d B. Artellery —

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To Lieutenant I. Moorhouse.

Quarter Master of the 2d Bn. Artillery

St. Thos. Mount

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d Instant I have to inform you that no Bills can be granted from my Office, in consequence of the G. O. of the 8th. September last.—

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(Signed) I. Greenhill
Paymaster

Orders thereon

Ordered that authority be given for the payment of the charge for Stationary employed by the General Invaliding Committee lately assembled at the Presidency.—

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be desired to give directions for adjusting in the most convenient manner the amount due to the detached companies of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery on account of compensation for Clothing.—

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To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir.

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council his recommendation founded on a Report from the Officer Commanding the Cadet Company, that the following Gentlemen Cadets may be promoted to Commissions —

The Rank to which they are entitled in the Corps to which they are severally appointed from their seniority as Cadets is as follows. —

From the Adjutant Genl. of the Army. List of Cadets to be promoted — &c. &c. Reports the Death of Lieut.t Lawson — Forwards an application from Captain Clarke to proceed to Europe —

Names		date of Rank as Ensigns —
Mess.rs	Silas Robson	17th July 1805
	C. B. M. Johnstone —	17th " — "
	Mark. Morley —	17th " "
	J. Colebrooke —	27th June 1806
	5. C. S. Williams —	27 — " — "

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	Names	date of Rank as Ensigns
	Mess.rs W. Birch	27th June 1806.
	Will.m Bones	27th " "
	S. Herring	27th " "
	T. Watson	27th " "
10	W. Thompson	27th " "
	H. Jones	27th " "
	W. H. Ritchie	27th " "
	Owen Jones	27th " "
	Henry Pearson	27th " "
15	A. Jameson	27th " "
	R. Bullwinkel	27th " "
	J. Cumming	3d July 1807.
	W. Shepherd	3d " "
	W. Preston	3d " "
20	W. Scott	3d " "
	R. Waters	3d " "
	H Robinson	3d " "
	W. Bradford	3d " "

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	Names	date of Rank as Ensigns —
	Mess.rs W. Hodges	3d. July 1807.
25	J. Williams	3d. " "
	R. W. Sherriff	3d. " "
	B. Meredith	3d. " "
	C. Woodhouse	3d. " "
	T. Noble	3d. " "
30	J. Fell	3d. " "
	J. Gwynne	3d. " "
	C. Mackintosh	3d. " "
	J. Taylor	3d. " "
	D. Donaldson	3d. " "
35	H. Hervey	3d. " "
	A. Macormick	3d. " "
	G. Butcher	3d. " "
	G. Storey	3d. " "
	A. Gordon	3d. " "
40	J. Tulk	3d. " "
	W. Dixon	3d. " "

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	Names	Date of Rank as Ensigns.
	Mess.rs H. C. Hara	3d July 1807.
	C. Addison	3d " "
	W. Armstrong	3d " "
45	T. Hadaway	3d " "
	R. Tombs	3d " "
	W. Henderson	3d " "
	C. Hutchinson	3d " "
	A. Machintosh	3d " "
50	A. Sibbald	3d " "

Mess.rs Felix Robson. Chas.s B. M.

Johnstone and William Belton are entitled in consequence of Regimental Vacancies in their respective Corps to further Promotion Viz.t —

16th Regiment Native Infantry

Ensign Felix Robson to be Lieutenant date of Rank.

13th September 1805. —

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20th Regement Native Infantry.

Ensign C. B. M. Johnstone to be Lieut.t date of Rank 25th Sept.r 1805

14th Regement Native Infantry.

Ensign W. Hilton to be Lieut.t date of Rank 12th Jan.y 1808.

I have to report the death of Lieu.t

-tenant Spottiswoode Lawson of the 1st Battalion 14th

Regiment Native Infantry at Arcot on the 11th Instant.—

Lieutenant General Macdowall has

further directed me to submit to the Honorable the Governor

in Council an Application from Captain Clarke of the

2d Battalion 16th Regiment Native Infantry for Permi.n

mission to proceed to Europe on Furlough.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Fort St. George

22d January 1808.

(Signed) F. Casperz

Adj.t Gen.l of the Army

To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Sir,

I have the Honor to address you soliciting

Permission

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Permission to avail myself of the Indulgence granted by the Honorable Company of a Furlough to Europe after 10 Years Service preferring my Request on account of urgent private Affairs and hoping it may meet with your Approbation. —

(Signed) C. P. Clarke
Captain 2d Batt.n 16th
Regiment Native Infy.

Seringapatam
13th January 1808.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that the Promotions recommended in the foregoing Letter be directed to take place and that Captain Clarke of the 16th Regiment of Native Infantry be permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

To the Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From the Adjt Genl of the Army. Encloses Letter from Captain Pollock requesting to visit the Presidency — Mr Auchinleck has arrived at Fort St George —

I am directed by his Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying application from Captain Pollock commanding the Cadet Company for permission to visit the Presidency.

I have to report the Arrival of Mr Cadet Auchinleck

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Auchinlock at the Presidency who has been sent by Capt.n Pollock from new Town in obedience to the Orders of Govt. of 22d December 1807. –

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Fort St. George

25th January 1808 –

(Signed) F. Capsper

Adjt. Genl. of the Army –

To the Honorable

Sir George Barlow Bart K. B.

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I beg leave to solicit one months leave of absence from my station to visit the Presidency on urgent Private affairs. –

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c. &c.

Cuddalore

20th January 1808 –

(Signed) T. Pollock

Captain Commanding

Resolved that Captain Pollock be permitted to visit the Presidency. –

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that Mr. Auchinlock be permitted

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permitted to remain at large at the Presidency on giving to the Town Major his Word of Honor that he will conduct himself with propriety and be in readiness to embark for Europe by the next Fleet.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

To the Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart and K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l Submitting papers regarding the Retrench.t made in Capt.n Smith's and conceives that Lieut.t Col.l Fletcher is entitled to the same Allowances as other Officers summoned to attend Courts Martial—

At the request of Major N. M. Smith lately Captain Commanding the 1st Extra Battalion of Native Infantry I have to lay before your Honorable Board Copy of a Letter from that Officer with the papers which accompanied it, and I have the honor to state the following circumstances as explanatory of the Retrenchment not having been removed upon the Reply and papers which that Officer has brought forward.—

In the year 1805 Six Extra Batt.ns

of—

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of Native Infantry upon the Establishment were ordered to be reduced on the 30th June of that Year, but owing to circumstances connected with the payment and accounts of those Corps, as represented in the Minute of the Commander in Chief dated 26th July 1805, the drafting of the Corps into others could not take place at the time ordered, in consequence of which the Commanding Officers and Staff were authorized by Government as a remuneration for arduous duty to continue to draw their "Allowances" until the 31st of July following—

Under the above Orders the Commanding Officers were considered entitled to the Batta Superior to that of their Regimental Rank to which by an Order of Government the Commanding Officers of this Corps were entitled which was accordingly drawn and admitted in the Public Accounts for the Month of July—but Captain (now Major) Smith who commanded one of those Corps contends that Tent Allowance for the Corps being 272 Pagodas per Month was intended also to have been granted under the term Allowances which was objected to on Audit as none of the other Officers—

similarly—

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similarly circumstanced had either drawn or claimed it— It is proper however for me to State for the Information of your Honorable Board that Major Wilson who commanded one of those Extra Battalions was the only Officer in that situation besides Major Smith who could with propriety claim the Tent Allowance for his Corps, as the other Battalions had not been inspected and reported fit for duty, after which only agreeably to Orders the Allowance for providing and keeping up the Camp Equipage of their Corps could be admitted—

Altho' the accompanying Papers are Submitted at the particular request of Major Smith to whom I represented that they appeared to be rather voluminous and tending to encroach more upon the time of your Honorable Board than the Business perhaps required and I accordingly suggested the propriety of abridging his Reply—having however received an Answer from Major Smith a Copy of which is herewith enclosed declining any alteration and repeating his request that it might be Submitted to Government—I have accordingly

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accordingly Complied.—

Should Major Smiths Application be admitted it is proper to observe that the representations of the late Major Wilson who Commanded the 2d Extra Battalion will have a fair Claim to Similar indulgence.—

The Military Paymaster at the Presidency having referred to me before Payment an Abstract for the difference between half and full Batta to Lieutenant Colonel Fletcher of the 1st Battalion 12th Regiment Native Infantry for the Months of December last, it is incumbent upon me to state for the Information of your Honorable Board, the following circumstances connected with this Reference, that I may receive and communicate your Orders thereon to the abovementioned Paymaster.—

By a communication from Government to this Department dated 5th June 1795— it was directed that when Officers in the Command of Stations by the Appointment of Government were called from their Stations to attend Court Martial are to

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continue in the receipt of their full Batta but are not to re-
-ceive Court Martial Allowance And upon the same Principle
Government upon the 27th. September 1804 extended the
Indulgence to Officers Commanding Corps who were in the
receipt of full batta — As the Officers belonging to the diffe-
-rent Corps composing the Subsidiary Force Serving with His
Highness the Nazam are in the receipt of Full Batta in
consequence of which Lieutenant Anderson of His Majesty's
33d. Regiment at present composing a part of the Hyde-
-rabad Subsidiary Force being summoned to attend a
Court Martial at Bangalore, made application to be
permitted to draw his Batta during the time he was de-
-tained in attendance upon the Court Martial, which was
Submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Coun-
-cil upon the 2d. of September last, and was authorized. The
Corps which Lieutenant Colonel Fletcher now Commands
is one of those composing the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force
he may accordingly be considered entitled to the Same
advantages with the other Officers belonging to that Force.
But his Case presents this difference that he was a

Summoned

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Summoned to take his Trial at the General Court Martial which was held lately at Fort St. George of which General Pater was President, of the Charges however which were preferred against him, he was honorably acquitted. — under that circumstance I do not think any distinction should obtain between him and the other Officers belonging to the Corps composing the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force —

I have the honor to be

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(Signed) P. Bruce

M. A. Genl.

Military Auditor Genl.s Office
Fort St. George 19th Janry. 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Major N. M. Smith,
Commanding 1st Battn. 14th Regt. N. I.

To the Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of the Deputy Military Auditor Generals Letter dated the 15th December 1807 —

Altho' I feel thankful to your for

your

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your attention, in so fully communicating to me, your Sentiments and advice, I cannot exactly view the Subject, in the same Light and as I conceive my Claim, cannot be sufficiently Explained - without the whole, and every circumstance connected with my late appointment, be submitted to the Honorable the Governor in Council, when the subject comes under the consideration of the Board, I must request you will do me the Favor, to forward the Papers, in their present State -

(Signed) A. M. Smith
Major Commanding
1st Battn 14th Regt
Native Infantry.

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5th January 1808-

A True Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Mily Auditor General.

In further replying to this Retrenchment Unadmitted Am re-audit - Captain Smyth, cannot but feel some surprise, after having forwarded to the Military Auditor General with his First Reply the

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the very explicit Minute of His Excellency the Commander in Chief,- proposing to grant to Officers Commanding and the Staff Officers attached to the Six Extra Battalions their Additional Allowances up to the 31st July 1805,- which includes the Period, for which the Camp equipage Allowances now retrenched, was drawn, and as this Proposition was agreed to by Government expressly as a remuneration for Trouble and Expences incurred;- We did then, and - do now Conceive, that Tent Allowance, was intended to be included.- and when he considers, that such Allowances were granted as above States, as a remuneration, He feels called upon, to declare, that in the Event of his Retrenchment, being Confirmed, He will not only- not be reimbursed, but actually sustain a heavy Loss- which will be Evident, when it is Considered, that at the time, he was using every endeavour, in his Power to raise and Complete a Corps, it was and is, his Pride to have formed and Commanded, and to have been selected to Command a Junior Officer/ Captain, Dos/ of his Own Corps/ the 1st Battalion 14th Regiment/, was enjoying-

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enjoying every advantage and Emolument, arising from the Command of a regular Battalion, and Station, / Mangalore, / for the former of which, he received the Tent Allowance, and for the latter, Bazar Allowance, and the Full Batta, of Superior Rank; - which Situation would have been held by Captain Smyth for many Months Subsequent to his having been appointed, to the Command of the 1st Extra Battalion Captain Smith had only been One Month, at Mangalore, prior to his appointment; - It is almost unnecessary, to point out the Expence Captain Smith, must have necessarily incurred, in Marching with his Family, from Seringapatam, with the 1st Battalion 14th Regiment to Mangalore, — and in being so immediately afterwards, Obliged to retrace his Steps from thence, - Captain Smith cannot help adverting to his having been retrenched, On this occasion, the difference between Captains and Majors Full Batta for the Period He was on the March at the time in charge of Draffts who were actively exerting themselves, to procure Recruits

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for the Corps.—

Captain Smith, is willing to hope, it may not be deemed Irrevalent, his transmitting an Extract, from a Letter he has the Honor to be favored with, from the Adjutant General of the Army; by desire of His Excellency the Commander in Chief—and a Copy of Garrison Orders, by his immediate Commandant,— upon his having at Capt.n Smith's particular request, Inspected the 1st. Extra Battalion prior to its Reduction; Expressive of their unqualified approbation of His Conduct. Captain Smith however, does not wish to Claim, any particular Merit from his Exertions, to render his Corps in every respect, Efficient.— and with the least delay possible—It was his Pride, and his Duty, to do so, but he deems it necessary, in Justice to himself to State, that this Circumstance, was attended with more than Ordinary difficulty, from his having had no Serjeant Major, or Vakeel, to assist him; and his European Adjutant, Lieutenant Remmington, / who never-theless did his Utmost / having been more than Once, so much Indisposed, as to deprive Captain Smith in

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a great degree, of his Assistance,—

With respect to Voluntary Expences and actual Disbursements, made by Captain Smith, to facilitate the Efficient Formation, of the 1st. Extra Battalion, Captain Smith will have no objection, if the Military Auditor General, considers it necessary, to lay this Statement before the Honorable the Governor in Council, to a reference being made, to Lieutenant Remmington, to ascertain whether the Circumstances, stated by Captain Smith, are not Facts Indisputable — Captain Smith from a wish, to make his Corps appear Uniform, advanced Cash for Broad Cloth, to Complete his Men, with the Established Turbands. For wax Cloth Covers, For Irons and for additional Artificers, and Taylors, to Expedite the Making of them; as likewise for the Brass Ornaments, Breast Plates — White Cloth for Jackets and Drawers, — a very large proportion of which was unavoidably Lost to Captain Smith, by Casualties, which occurred, by Deaths and Desertions, before the necessary Stoppages, were completed. Captain Smith, purchased Europe Combs —

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and Cloth Brushes, which he distributed Gratis, in -
proportions to each Company to enable every Individual -
to appear, Neat and Clean - and which it was not possible
for them, to have done otherwise nor could they, have provide-
-ed themselves, with the Various Articles of Dress, and ac-
-Necessaries, in so Short a time, without his Assistance -
Captain Smith also Completed his Drummers and Fifers,
with Uniform Jackets of White and Red Serge. - He like-
-wise purchased Red Feathers at half a Pagoda each,
and Europe Caps for them, at 2 Rupees each from the
Stores of His Majesty's Regiment De Meurone; and
not conceiving himself authorized, to make Stoppages -
for these things. - They were also considered as a present -
Captain Smith had also to furnish a proportion of
Brass Pendulums, to each Company, and many other
necessary articles, required in the Formation of a new
Corps - Captain Smith also provided, Blank Books
Stationary &c. to a considerable Amount which from
the Short time, he held the Situation, it is Evident,

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the Allowance granted by Government, was by no means suffic-
-ient to reimburse; — and Captain Smith was aware, that
Lieutenant Remmengtons Allowances, were not equal, to admit
of his providing the requisite Books &c. — immediately / even-
with a regular Corps, it is a well known Fact, — an Aajutants
Allowances, for Stationary, are not sufficiently Ample, to defray
the Expence, of keeping up the regulated Number of Books &c.
required, Much less could it be expected in this Instance; /
as with all new Corps, - Complete sets must be provided, at
the Commencement; - Every Officer in such a Situation, —
must necessarily expect, to be ultimately reimbursed; and
had not Captain Smith, taken upon himself, to pro-
-vide what was necessary, in the first Instance, as Com-
-mandant - His Adjutant, Lieutenant Remmington, who
had alike been at a considerable Expence, in joining
the 1st Extra Battalion / would have been the loser —
instead of himself; - Captain Smith hopes, that as this
Statement of Facts, may probably be referred, to the
Consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council;

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his Motives for mentioning these Circumstances, may not be Misconstrued; — viz.t Captain Smith not having been favoured, with the Military Auditor Generals reasons for not admitting the Charge objected to on reaudit if he had any / he has been led to suppose that no additional Cause Exists, but what is Stated in the first Instance — It there= fore becomes necessary, as this must be the final Com= =munication, on the part of Captain Smith, to point out every Circumstance, in any way connected, with the Si= =tuation he held; — as no doubt His Excellency the Commander in Chief, was well acquainted with the Con= =tingent Charges, and Expences every Officer similarly situated, would be liable to incur; and it may surely be presumed, that such were his Excellency's Motives, and induced him to Submit the Minute, — which caus= =ed the Right Honorable, the Governor in Council to establish those Resolutions, on which Captain Smith, alone, founds his Claim. —

His having experienced, considerable

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Embarassment, in Executing the numerous Official Papers, and Communications, attendant on his Situation, — without, (as before Stated) the Advantage of a Serjeant Major, Quarter Master Serjeant, or Vakul; — and finding, that himself and his Adjutant, were unequal, to the performance of this, most essential, part of their Duty, — without interfering, — with their regular attendance, to the Drill, — Formation, and Discipline of the Corps — Captain Smith, with a view of — Obviating in some degree, the inconvenience, had a short time, before the reduction of the Extra Corps, took place, — Commissioned from the Government Press, a very large supply of Printed Forms, of Monthly Returns, Morning Reports, States, and Register Rolls similar to the accompanying; and intended as Records: but they unfortunately were not received in time, to be of any Service, to Captain Smith, — The Corps having been to his great regret and disappointment, reduced nearly Two Months, prior to their Arrival; Captain Smith however had the additional Mortification, of being under the Necessity of paying for them, at a time, when his Finances were

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so much reduced, and Embarassed, from a Combination of unforseen Events, — that he was necessitated, to abridge himself and Family, of their usual Comforts, and Indulgencies — The amount of these printed Forms, as Ml.r Enclosed Original account N.o 5 together with the Cooley hire amounts, to upwards of Seventy Star Pag.s which will he trusts, fully Evince that Captain Smith was not actuated, by any Selfish or illiberal motives, and solely wished, to obtain by his Exertions and attention, the Approbation of those, from whose Experience and Si-tuation, a Competency of Judgement, might be Expected and which it has invariably, been his Study, and wish to deserve. —

His Excellency, The Commander in Chief, must have been aware, that every Individual, had, and would, experience, very great inconvenience, in a pecuniary point of View, - when the Six Extra Batta-lions, were so very unexpectedly reduced, — and from a conviction, that such were also, the Sentiments of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, when their

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resolutions, on this Head, were communicated to Him - Cap-
-tain Smith, had no hesitation, in making the Charge, -
which is now objected to - and which, if he is obliged to refund,
will doubly Subject him, to Loss and inconvenience and
Captain Smith begs leave, to call the attention of the Ho-
-norable the Governor in Council / Should the Military Auditor
General Submit this Statement, to the Consideration of the
Board / to the Evident improbability, that His Excellency,
could have conceived, the additional Sum of Forty Star-
Pagodas Viz.t. The difference between Captains, and Majors
Half Batta - which was, the Sole advantage, Captain -
Smith derived; was adequate, to the remuneration proposed
when his Adjutant, by the same Resolutions, and authority,
received more than Thirty, Captain Smith, can further
instance, in Support of his Claim, that he only arrived
at Seringapatam, on the 18.th of November 1804 and
that he had the Satisfaction, to report his Corps Complete
with the Returns, for the Month of February follow-
-ing, - a Period of little more than Three Months:
It is necessary at the same time, to revert to the Circumstance

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of Captain Smiths, not having received any Privates as Drafts, to assist him, in the recruiting, or formation, of the Native Commissioned, and Non Commissioned Officers having been drafted from the 2d. 3d. and 8th. Regts ments all at that time, serving in the Decan; the greater part of them, did not join the 1st Extra Battalion, at Seringapatam, untill the Corps was complete, or nearly so;— Captain Smith in reply to the having reported his Corps comp= plete;— received the Authority of His Excellency, The Comm= mander in Chief, by letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, for Providing Camp Equipage, Carriage and Followers, for the Native Commissioned, Non Comm= missioned, and Privates;— and to draw the regulated Tent Allowance, from that Period; as directed in General Orders for the former Extra Battalions whose formation, were the Model of those then forming,— which Captain Smith conceived and does still conceive, entitled him, to Commence drawing the Allowance in Arrears for the Month of February— as the Orders allow Three Months previs to the Camp Equipage being subject to Master— but

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do Mr. Paymaster Gordon, Started some Objections, Captn. Smith gave up the point, and did not commence drawing the Tent Allowance, untill the 1st. of April. — But in the circumstance of the Charge, now Retrenched, Mr. Paymaster Gordon, perfectly agreed with Captain Smith, in Opinion that the Charge was Admissible. —

Captain Smith, has at a very Consiederable Expence, and with great difficulty, purchased the prescribed Number of Bullocks, at a very Advanced — price; which he was subsequently, under the necessity, of disposing of, at a very great disadvantage, — in fact, one an Average, for not more than Half their Original Cost and he was even glad, to get that: for being reduced to — Captains Pay and Allowances, with a Wife and Family, — and a long March to encounter, Viz.t. from Seringapatam, to Hulliall, in Soondah — the Charge for Straw. Few. / a very scarce Article at that time, at Seringapatam / and for the necessary attendants on the Bullocks rendered it necessary, for Captain Smith at all Events to part with them, as expeditiously as possible; or they,

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and himself, must inevitably have been starved — Captn Smith however, was too much occupied, with anxiety and the Multiplicity of business, attendant on the reduction, and drafting of the Corps settling the various accounts of the Men &c. to attend so particularly, to his own private Concerns and in Consequence, the disposal of his Bullocks / who were at the same time, and from the same Cause, greatly Neglected and ill-treated, / was not even thought of, by Captain Smith untill the necessity, was too forcibly pointed Out, by the Inconvenience experienced, in defraying the Expence of such an Establishment — The Military Board of however, in some degree relieved his Mind of considerable Anxiety, by authorizing the Tents of the 1st Extra Battalion, to be purchased for Government —

Captain Smith, having entered so fully, into the particulars of his situation as Commandant of the 1st Extra Battalion thinks it necessary, to remark, that he is fully confident, it was not by any means, the Intention, of those Friends, to whom he

he is indebted, for his Appointment. that he should have experienced, the disadvantages he has taken the liberty of pointing Out. Viz.t In the first place, a Junior Officer to himself, succeeding to the advantages and Situation, he held at the Time, as Commandant of the 1.st Battalion 14th Regiment and the Station of Mangalore; upon his Arrival at Seringapatam, not having any place for the Artificers, (whom it was with some difficulty he procured,) he found it necessary, to build Sheds, for them to Work in; - or He was also Necessitated, to hire a small House, to dep=osit the Stores - received, on his Indents having - been passed, by the Military Board, - and which could only be issued, from Time to Time, as Recruits were received; - and not being himself Capable, nor could his Adjutant, spare sufficient time, to attend to the pre= =servation, and delivery of the Stores required, Captain Smith, with the Permission of Colonel Bell, em= =ployed a Serjeant of Artillery, who occupied the 2.d House adjoining, to the One hired for the Stores, to attend to this part of his Duty - and of course, could not do less -

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than make him an Adequate reward, for his Attention —
The Public Store Room, adjoining the Place of Arms
allotted for the Corps, and where it was necessary, to lodge
the Ammunition for Practice — had not even a Door,
and required many other repairs, to render it safe and
Convenient, for the purpose required; but which Captain
Smith, lost no time, in refitting, and furnishing with
Horses Benches, &c., to the best of his Means, and Abili-
ties — The Intricacy of arranging accounts, for Recruit-
iting Parties, / which may be more easily Conceived, than
described / The impossibility of receiving regular, and
Correct reports, of the exact times of Enlistment, and —
Numbers of Recruits Entertained; with the various
Casualties, from Deaths, and Desertions, before, and
after joining the Corps, occasioned so many Obstacle
that Captain Smith, found his undertaking, so
extremely Arduous — and difficult, that he al-
most gave up Hopes, and entirely dispaired of —
Success — Captain Smith was obliged, to Employ as
many Writers, and Commicopolies, as he could procure

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and he has the Satisfaction, at this remote period, to declare, that he has received no Retrenchments, from inaccuracies, on account of the 1st Extra Battalion - and he calls upon the Military Auditor General, to refer to the Official Documents, of His Office, and to state, whether this Assertion, is correct or otherwise - The present Subject of Discussion, is the only instance / with the Exception, of his having drawn Full Batta, when Marching / as before Stated / from Mangalore to Seringapatam, with the proportion of Drafts for the 1st Extra Battalion, from his own Corps, the 1st Battalion 14th Regiment / which has come to Captain Smith's Knowledge — and he is still of Opinion, that by the Regulations of the Service he was fully Authorized, and justly entitled, to receive - the amount, of Both; as also, - The Tent Allowance, for the Month of February — Captain Smith hopes, what he has now stated, will induce the - Military Auditor General, to alter his Opinion, and sanction the Charge, now Objected to; - If not, he requests the whole of this Communication, - together with his - first reply, may, agreeably to the Regulations, be submitted

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To the Honorable the Governor in Council for the Consideration and Final Decision of the Board.—

(Signed) N. M. Smith
Major late Captain
Commanding 1st Extra Battalion.

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20th November 1807.

To Captain N. M. Smith
1st Extra Native Battalion

Sir

I have the Honor to annex Extract of Retrenchments made from my Accounts for the Month of August 1805 to February 1806 the amount of which Consistent with Government Orders you will please refund Pags 272. — — —
Viz.t—

I am directed to acquaint you that due attention will be paid on receipt to any Explanation you may offer in Support of the Charges now Retrenched—

(Signed) L. Smith
Paymaster

Seringapatam

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No. of (1) 1st. Extra Battalion Native Infantry:-

Captain N. M. Smith, draws Tent Allowance for the use of the 1st. Extra Native Battalion for July 1805 Pagodas 272. — — —

As it appears by G. O. of 11th. June 1805 the Extra Battalion ordered to be reduced on the 30th. June, and all Establishment to cease, therefore the Tent Allowance drawn for Extra Battalion is In-admissable and Retrenched - - - - 272 — — —

Total Pagodas 272 — — —

/ A True Extract /

/ Signed / J. Smith

Paymaster.

Reply

Captain Smith conceives, he was fully authorized, in drawing Tent Allowance for the 1st Month of July 1805, having received from Mr. Paymaster Gordon, the accompanying Extracts of a Minute of the Commander in Chief, dated 26th of July 1805

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1805, and hopes the charge which is now Retrenched, will on reaudit, be admitted; particularly when it is taken into consideration, that it was intended, as a Remuneration; but should the Auditor General, still be of opinion, that the Retrenchment, must stand good. Captain Smith will refer the charge to the decision of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council – Captain Smith spared no expence to make the 1st Extra Battalion, in every respect, Efficient not only in regard to the Camp Equipage, but in various other instances for the good of the Service, under the full est Conviction, that his Situation as Commandant, would have been more permanent Vice For Extra Artificers to Complete the Turbans, Triangles, Cymbals, Lambcers to Compleate the Drummers, also Paying himself for having the Drummers and Fifers instructed, and for many other things, too numerous to be enumerated, thinking the Extra Allowances granted by Government, would amply re-imburse and compensate him; – If however the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, should decide in favor of the Auditor Generals Opinion, with regard to the Justice of the Retrenchment, –

Captain

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Captain Smith declares upon Honor, he will be a very, considera-
-rable loser by his late appointment. —

/Signed/ N. M. Smith

Late Captain Commanding

1st. Extra Battalion

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5th. June 1807.

Extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief

Dated 26th. July 1805.

The Six Extra Battalions Ordered to
be Reduced on the 30th. June have been Kept together from
delay in Payment and the necessary arrangements for Closing
their Accounts and distributeing the Men by Drafts to
other Corps until the present time, and some of them are not
yet drafted, this has compelled the Officers and Staff to —
remain with them and exposed them to very arduous
duty deserveing of remuneration ——

I therefore propose that the Allow-
-ances of the Officers Commandeing Extra Corps, of the
European Adjutants, and Staff of these Battalions be
continued to 31st. July inclusive, the Pay of the Native
Commissioned, Non Commissioned Officers and
Privates

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Privates, (those discharged excepted) will be drawn with the Corps to which they have been respectively drafted.—Those discharged to be drawn for on the Abstract of the Staff of the Extra Corps till the day of their discharge.—

As many of the Drafts are to Comple-te Corps employed in the Deccan to which they cannot immediately join; it will be necessary to Sanction an Extra charge for Puchallys for those Detachments at the rate of One Puchally to 100 one hundred Men.—

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieut. General

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26th July 1805.

Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Military Department dated the 26th July 1805.

Resolved that a Copy of the above Minute be communicated to the Military Auditor General with directions for admitting the expence which appears to be necessarily incurred on account of the late Six Extra Battalions for the period of time recommended by the Commander

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Commander in Chief.—

/True Copies/

(Signed) G. Buchan

Chief Secy. to Government.

/A True Copy/

(Signed) Charles Rundall

A. M. A. General.

/A True Copy/

(Signed) W. H. Gordon

Paymaster.

/A True Copy/

Extract of a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army to Captain Smith late Commanding 1st Extra Battalion at Seringapatam dated Fort St. George 5th July 1805.—

"The Commander in Chief has received so very favorable an impression of the Zealous exertions you had made and the State of your Corps that he regrets he cannot Consent to your request.

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request regarding Majors Battn.—

/Signed/ P. A. Agnew

Adjt. Genl. of the Army

A True Copy

/Signed/ N. M. Smyth

Major—

Extract from Garrison Orders dated at Seringapatam the 28th June 1805—

"Lieutenant Colonel Hill has experienced infinite pleasure and Satisfaction from the Inspection this Morning of the 1st Extra Battalion—

The appearance and steadiness of the Officers and Men under Arms, the Compact Manner and Correctness with which they performed their several Movements, and uniformity promptness and regularity of their Firings reflect the highest Credit on the Ability and Zeal of Captain Smyth, particularly when it is Considered the very short period that has elapsed since he Commenced raising the Battalion and the very great inconvenience he

must

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must have labaured under from most of the Commissioned and Non Commissioned Drafts he received from the different Corps, who were to assist him in raising and Discisplining his Men, not joining him till long after he had Commenced forming the Corps, owing to the great distance they came from. —

Had Lieutenant Colonel Hill not been an Eye Witness to the daily exertions of Captain Smyth and of this day's performance in particular, he would have really Conceived it impossible for the Corps to be brought to its present state of Perfection in so short a time; and Captain Smyth may be assured, that in Justice to his Merits — Lieutenant Colonel Hill will not fail to make Known to Head Quarters in the most forcible manner possible, his opinion of the appearance performance and efficiency of his Corps. —

A True Copy

/Signed/ A. M. Smith

Major

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944 Captain A. A. Smyth ..... Dr.

				Pag.s	fs.	l.
		To the Government Press				
1805	to printing	260 Monthly Returns at 2 1/2 Pagodas per 100		6	22	40
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	to	780 Sheets Elephant paper at 15 Pagodas per Ream		3	11	20
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		Bending 2 elephant, 4 royal and 2 foolscape dozen Books				
			Pagodas	69	28	10

Madras
14th July 1805

The

Ent. Sept. 25. 1805.

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Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that the Military Auditor General has been perfectly correct in retrenching the Tent Allowance drawn by Major Smith as Commanding Officer of the 1st Extra Battalion of Native Infantry subsequently to the 30th of June 1805. Resolved however in consideration of the circumstances represented by Major Smith that the Military Auditor General be authorised to relieve him from that Retrenchment.

The Board concur in the Military Auditor General's opinion that under an equitable interpretation of the orders of the Government under Date the 27th of September 1804 Lieutenant Colonel Fletcher is entitled to the difference between the Full and Half Batta of his Rank for the Months of December last.—

To the Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart Knt K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort William

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Auditor

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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Auditor General with observations respecting the encreased Pay of Subidars of the Corps of Golundauze

the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's letter of the 13th Instant, and in obedience to the Orders therein expressed directing me to state the rates of Pay which it will be proper to allow to the Subidars of the Corps of Golundauze with reference to the principle established in the General Orders of the 11th July 1800. I beg leave to state that on reference to that Order it appears, that Subidars of Cavalry whose regular Pay is Pagodas 26 P.M. Month, and to whom by the above mentioned Order an addition of 8 Pagodas per Month was granted after serving in that rank for 10 years, and after six years, an Addition of three Pagodas per Month — In the same manner, to a Subidar of Infantry, whose regular Pay is 12 Pagodas per Month, an Addition was granted of 8 Pagodas per Month after having served in that rank ten years and an Addition of three Pagodas a Month after having served Six Years in that rank. Agreeably to the rule above laid down your Honor in Council may perhaps be pleased to grant the same Increase of Pay to the Subidar of the Corps of Golundauze after the same periods of Service —

H.

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2 It is my duty however to observe, that adverting to the difference of Pay between a Subidar of Golundauze which is 16 Pagodas, and that of a Syrang of Gun Lascars which is only 7 Pagodas, who it is stated are promoted or removed into the Corps of Golundauze, in Consequence of which they receive an Increase of More than double their former regulated Pay when Syrangs of Gun Lascars Any Periods of Service therefore in that rank should not be considered as any part of the Periods of Service of a Subidar of Golundauze, and it may be proper to direct that the periods of Service of an Officer of that rank, which is to entitle him to the encreased rates of Pay, should commence from the date of his Commission as Subidar of Golundauze. —

Military Auditor Genl.s Office
Fort St. George 21st January
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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed/ P. Bruce
Mily. Audr Genl.

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that the Pay of the Syrangs promoted

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promoted to the Rank of Subedars in the Corps of Golundauze be fixed at the Rate recommended by the Military Auditor General—

Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be published in General Orders.—

Read the following Letters.—

From the Acting Accountant General.—

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Accountant General—respecting the retrenchments confirmed against Colo. Harcourt and Campbell, stating the amount due to those Officers sufficient to answer the demands of the Company's Service as per Report with the Sums on account of the Estates of the late Captain Armstrong and Ensign Hamilton for funeral Expences are deposited in the Treasury—

Para. 1 Conformably to the orders of Government contained in Mr. Strachey's Letter of the 3d. Instant respecting the Sums to be deducted from the Claims on the Bazar Funds of Colonels Harcourt and Campbell of His Majesty's Service, on Account of Retrenchments which have been confirmed against them; I have the honor to state for the Satisfaction of Government, that the Amount due to those Officers respectively of the Funds about to be distributed, is fully sufficient—

to

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to answer the demands of the Company against them —
and that they will accordingly be deducted agreeably to the
orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council. —

2d. In attention to the further directions
conveyed in the abovementioned Letter, I have the honor
to State that there is a Sum deposited in the Treasury
on account of the Estate of the late Captain Armstrong
of His Majesty's 65th. Regiment, Amounting to Pagodas
24.36.20: and Another Sum on Account of the Estate of
Ensign D Hamilton of Pagodas 91_3_10. —

3d. The Bills for the funeral Expences
of those Officers, which were received in the above
Letter, I have the honor to return enclosed. —

I have the honor to be
Gen. Gen.
(Signed) G. Moore
Acting Accountt. Genl.

Fort St. George
Accountt. Genl's Office
22d. January 1808.

Ordered that extracts of the foregoing
Orders thereon. —
Letter regarding Lieutenant Colonels Harcourt and
Campbell be furnished to the Military Auditor
General

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General and to the Military Paymaster General for their information and guidance —

Resolved that the Advocate General be desired to submit his opinion if it will be proper to disburse any part of the amount deposited in the General Treasury on account of the Estates of the late Capts. Armstrong and Ensign Hamilton for the purpose of defraying the Funeral Expenses of those Officers. —

From the Town Major. —

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Town Major — transmitting Bills for funeral Charges of the deceased Native Prisoners. —

Agreeably to the Regulation — of the 9th June 1807 I have the honor to transmit to you, for the Consideration and Sanction of the Honorable the Governor in Council, two Bills for the funeral charges of the deceased Native Prisoners — confined in Fort St. George on account of the —

Vellore

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Vellore Mutiny.—

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
21st January 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town Major.

Order thereon.—

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be desired to examine and adjust the charges submitted in the foregoing Letter.—

From the Secretary at Bombay—

To George Strachey Esqr.
Secy. to Government at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Government at Bombay. Requesting that the Accounts of the late Mr. Bowles with the Presidency of Fort St. George may be adjusted.

I am directed to transmit to you—
Copies of a letter from the Deputy Military Pay. General at this Presidency, dated the 8th Instant and of its Enclosure; and to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George the wish of the Honorable the—
Governor in Council, that he will be pleased to
order—

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order the Late Mr. Bowles accounts with the Presidency
of Fort St. George to be adjusted. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obt.

Bombay Castle
10th. January 1808.

(Signed) W. Newnham
Secy. to Government

Francis Warden Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to State to you for
the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council
that having investigated the Books and Papers of the
late Mr. Bowles, with which I was furnished by Capt.
tain Fallon, I have been enabled to adjust his accounts,
as far as the authority of this office extends, so as to
reduce the Balance Standing against him in my
Books to Rupees 676-2-17-

It however appears by his Books
that he is entitled to a Credit of Rupees 1400. 4-93
from the Madras Presidency for the following —

Items.

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Items.—

a Bill for 4 Corge of Tech. Rafters—Rupees 260—0—0

a Bill for Civil repairs to the new Jail at Calicut ..... 1140—1—93

Rupees ... 1400—1—93

The Letter from the Military Auditor General at Madras to Mr. Bowles, dated the 26th. of January 1802, of which, and its enclosures, I send a Copies, must have been received here a few days previous to his death; which unfortunate event for his numerous family, prevented his obtaining the Credit in the manner directed, as the enclosure No. 2, is Copy of the Bill, as taken from his Bill Book and No. 3. Copy of his Letter to Mr. Spencer, the President of the Commission, both of which from some oversight seem to have remained unnoticed. I make no doubt to the Honorable the Governor in Council at Madras but that a representation, of these Circumstances, would be the means of these, I have no hesitation in declaring to be just Claims from the accuracy of

his

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his accounts for a period of three years being admitted,
which would bring a Balance in favor of Mr. Bowler
of Rupees 723- 3-76—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obt.

(Signed) R. Coward
Deputy Mily. Paymr.
General in Charge —

Bombay
Military Pay Office General
8th January 1808 -

To Mr. William Bowler
late Agent for Building in Malabar
Bombay

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose Copy
of a letter, this day transmitted, to Mr. William
Richardson, Paymaster in Malabar respecting
the Balance, he has not yet given you Credit
for - you will be pleased to forward him a Bill
for the 4 Coarge of Teak Rafters as mentioned in
the letter. —

I have

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Fort St. George 26th January
1802

I have the honor to be
Dr. Sir
Your
Signed/ J. Brunton
Mily. Audr. General

Mr. William Richardson
Paymaster in Malabar
Tellicherry

Sir,

The Military Board having referred to me for adjustment the Balance alluded to in the enclosed Letter from Mr. Bowler, late Agent for Buildings in Malabar, I have in consequence to request that you will give Mr. Bowler Credit for the following Sums, and transfer to your own debit, and to that of Lieutenant Bentley Superintending Engineer at Cannanore the Amounts of the Cash which the late Agent delivered over on the abolition of his employment—

1st Cash paid Lieut. Bentley as per receipt 7000—0—0
2d Cash paid Mr. W. Richardson Paymaster
as per three receipts ..... 5.808—1—18—

Carried forward Rupees 12.808—1—18—

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Brought forward Rs. 12.808-1-14-

3d Cash paid Mr. William Richardson Paymaster by Mr. J. H. Oliphant on account Mr. W. Bowler as per receipt ..... 221-3-5.

4th Amount of 4 Coarge of Teak Rafters 260-0-0

5th Amount of Civil Repairs deceased from the Commissioners 1140-1-93

Rupees ..... 14430-2-16.

You are not however to give the late Agent Credit for the last Item, unless the original Bill has been passed by the Commissioners, with whom it is stated to have been lodged in the event of its being Approved, you will debit the amount to the Civil Department—

For the amount of the four Coarge of Teak Rafters, Mr. Bowler has been directed to furnish you with a Bill which is —

to —

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to be entered in your Disbursements. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obt. Servt.

/Signed/ J. Brunton

Mily. Audr. General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George 22d Jany.
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A True Copy

/Signed/ J. Prendergast

Asstt. Mily. Audr. General

True Copies

(Signed) R. Coward

Deputy Military Paymaster
General —

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr.

To William Bowler late Agent for Building

and Repair. —

Rupees 260. —. — The Amount of 4 Coarge of Teak Rafters

Supplied to the Cananore 5 Fortification Works for Febj.

1801.—

To 40 Pieces of Teak Rafters 1 1/2 Girth @ 3 1/2 Rupees each	140	"
40 Do. of Do. — Do. 2 Do. Do. — 3 Rs. each	120	"
Rupees —	260	"

Cananore 28th February 1801

Errors Excepted

(Signed) W. Bowler

late Agent.

A True Copy

(Signed) R. Coward

Deputy Mily. Pay. Genl.

To John Spence Esqr.

President & Commissioner Province of Malabar

Gentlemen.

Herewith I have the honor to —

enclose

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to be entered in your Disbursements. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yr.s Obd.t Hble.t

/Signed/ J. Brenton

Mil.y Aud.r General

Military Auditor

General's Office

Fort S.t George 22.d Jan.y

1808.

A True Copy

/Signed/ J. Prendergast

Ag.t to Mil.y Aud.r General

True Copies

/Signed/ R. Coward

Deputy Military Paymaster

General —

The

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr.

To William Bowler late Agent for Building

and Repair. —

Rupees 260. — The Amount of 4 Coarge of Teak Rafters

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1801.

To 40 Pieces of Teak Rafters 1st Sort @ 3 Rupl. each	140	4	0
40 Do. of Do. — Do. 2d. Do. — 3 Rs. each	120	0	4
Rupees —	260	4	0

Canonore 28th. February 1801

Errors Excepted

(Signed) W. Bowler

late Agent.

A True Copy

(Signed) R. Coward

Depy. Mily. Pay. Genl.

To John Spence Esqr.

President & Commissioners Province of Malabar

Gentlemen.

Herewith I have the honor to —

Enclose

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enclose you my Disbursement for materials expended, and Working People employed on account of Civil Repairs to the new Jail, at Calicut being Rupees 1140-1-93 which amount I request you will do me the favor to pay to the Paymaster on my account, as I have, on closing my adjustment with the Honorable Company debited him for it.—

Cananore
12th February 1801.

I remain
Sir
Your Most Obt Servt
(Signed) W. Bowles

True Copy
(Signed) R. Coward
Dep. Jr. Mil. Jr. Paymr. General

True Copies
(Signed) W. Newnham
Sec. Jr. to Government.

Orders thereon

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing Letter, and that He be desired to take the necessary measures for adjusting the Accounts of the late Mr. Bowles in Compliance with the request of the Government of Bombay

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Bombay.—

Read the following Memorial from

Rungapah Native Assistant to the Surgeon of the Jails.—

To the Honorable William Petrie Esqr.

Gov. Gov. Gov. Gov. Gov.

The humble Address of

Rungapah Native Doctor

Humbly Sheweth.

Your Representator most humble takes the Liberty to lay in your presence, the Accompanying representation, in which Doctor Ors has also certified about Your Representators Services to the Honorable Company, as required when your Representator presented his last representation to your Honor.— empressed with gratitude, your Representators and his crowded family never will cease to pray the Almighty God to bestow on your Honor, with all the happiness and Longivety for ever, on receiving the Accompanying Address to your favorable and early consideration and Support

Your

Representation of Rungapah Native Doctor — for increase of Allowance —

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Your Representator as in duty bound—

Shall Ever Pray

/Signed/ Rangapah

To the Honorable

William Petrie Esquire

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

The Humble Representation

of Rungapah Native Doctor

Humbly Sheweth,

I beg leave to state that it is now-
about Twenty Nine years since I have been employed
as Native Assistant under Several Surgeons in the
Field and Garrison at the rate of 15 Pagodas P.M. Monthly
-sem, under which Capacity I continued serving also under
Several Doctors in the Honorable Company Service
Viz.t. Doctors Colly Lucas and Thomas Davies &
&c. &c.—

I further beg leave to State that
about Fourteen Years ago I was recommended by Doctor
Anderson

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Anderson as Native Doctor to the Goal of Madras

Formerly the present goals were one, but since have

been made into Five Vizt. Grand Debtors Goal, Felons

Commissioners, Convicts, and Pedda Naiks - My Salary

is 15 Pagodas P.M. Months for attending the Several Goals

at Madras, the Prisoners and Patients Among them are

very Considerably numerous than what they were formerly

and my Attendance requires constantly twice a Day -

at those places, consequently, I am obliged to hire con-

veyance frequently for that purpose, which is very

expensive The small Allowance I am now receiving

is insufficient for my maintenance and which reduced

me to the necessity of contracting Debts to support

my expences - Beg leave also to State that the pay

of the Servants employed at the Medical Stores and

dispensary have been Lately encreased, as also that of

the Native Doctor who attends the inoculation to 50

Pagodas P.M. Months, but I have not had any -

encrease since my entertainment, I therefore humbly

implore -

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emplore your honors will be pleased to take my long and laborious Services (which will more fully Appear by the annexed Certificates in my favor) into your gracious Consideration and be so good as to allow me an encrease to my present pay so as to enable me to support the expences of my livelihood and Convey-ance. —

In doing this Act of Justice and Humanity your Representator, who has no other protection except that of your Honors, as in duty bound. —

Shall Ever Pray

(Signed) Rungapah

Fort St. George 21st August 1807.

This is to Certify that Rungapah Black Doctor, has served me in that Capacity nearly Four Years during which period, I can vouch for his good Care and attention to the Patients.

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Patients under my Charge in the Black Town and
Jails of Madras — I think it but Justice also to state,
that he has at all times during the above Servitude shewn
a degree of Medical intelligence not common in Persons
of this Discription, which joined to his long and
faithfull Services with others, both in the Field and
in Garrison entitles him in my Opinion, now that
Old age Approaches and his health declines, to the
favorable Notice of the Medical Board. —

(Signed) M. Fitzgerald
Surgeon -

I do hereby Certify that Aungapah
Native Doctor, has served me in that Capacity
since I have been in charge of the Sick in Black
Town, and the Publick Jails, a period of near Six
years — That he attended to the duties of his Situation
with much zeal fidelity and intelligence — The above
duties consisted in a constant and daily attendance
on the Jails in Administering the Medicines ordered
by me — and also in giving Medicines and Advice

to

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to the Native Prisoners who preferred the remedies in use amongst the Natives — I consider his Services at the different Jails extremely Necessary and that he is a very fit Person, either for Public or Private encouragement. —

Madras
September 1807.

(Signed) J. Goldie
Surgeon

True Copies
(Signed) Rungapah

As far as I have hither to had an opportunity of judging, the above Certificates do no more than Justice to the character of the Petitioner and if I may be permitted to speak in his favor I think Him highly deserving of the attention of Government as far as it may be extended to a person circumstanced as he is. —

For the truth of his representation respecting the separation of the Jails and the encreased number of Patients I am ready to

vouch

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vouch.—

Madras
21st September 1807.

(Signed) W. Ord
Surgeon Black
Town Jails—

Resolved in consideration of the long Resolution thereon.—

Services of Rungaiah and of the very favorable testimony given to his character that he be permitted from the 1st of the ensuing Month to draw an increased Allowance of Pagodas 25 per Month as Native Assistant to the Surgeon of the Jails.—

The following Papers having returned from Circulation are ordered to be Recorded.—

The Chief Secretary
of Government

Sir,

From the Commander in Chief—Submits a Representation from Major Pierce on the subject of his removal from the Office of Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

I have the honor to request that you will lay the accompanying Letter from Major Pierce to me, enclosing one for the Honorable the Governor in Council, before the Board—In

awaiting

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awaiting the orders of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most obedt. Servt.
(Signed) D. Macdowall

Madras
15th. January 1808.

His Excellency
Lieutenant General Macdowall
Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Having received Captain Macpherson's Letter of the 22d. December 1807. with Papers numbered 1 and 2 containing Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Political Department dated 29th. May 1807. and Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Government dated 17th. November 1807, I do myself the honor of submitting to your Excellency the accompanying Address to the Order of the Honorable Court of Directors which has directed my removal from the Office of Deputy Adjutant General, and that I be

ordered

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ordered to proceed to England. —

To a request that this Letter may be brought before the Honorable the President in Council with such support as your Excellency may deem it to deserve, I venture to add the hope that the difficulties which unavoidably oppose a fair investigation of my Conduct in regard to any advice that I may have given to the late Commander in Chief on the subject of obnoxious Orders elsewhere than on the Spot are so evident to your Excellency as to induce the adoption of measures either for an early Trial taking place before a General Court Martial upon whatever Charges can be preferred against me, or for Evidence being received by an Authority competent to the Act upon the points which appear to have occasioned the high displeasure of the Honorable Court of Directors. —

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) F. Peirce
Major Madras European Regt.

Madras
26th January 1808.

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The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart and K.B.

President in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive from the Commander in Chief, who has caused it to be furnished to me at the desire of Government, an Extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Political Department dated 29th. May 1807. in which Extract is stated that "it is impossible for us not to notice in terms of the highest disapprobation the conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew the Adjutant General and of Major Pierce, the Deputy Adjutant General, in the advice which they gave to the Commander in Chief on the Subject of the obnoxious Orders and" "We therefore direct that those Officers be removed from their Situations as Adjutant, and Deputy Adjutant General and that

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that they be ordered to proceed to Europe by an early Opportunity -

The Government having performed the part assigned to it by appointing an Officer to be Deputy Adjutant General of the Army in General Order dated 22d December 1807, it only remains for me to give compleat effect to the Mandate by proceeding to Europe which I shall hasten to do as soon as the Government shall have been pleased to allot to me such accommodation on board any Ship bound to England as the usage of the Service allows to an Officer of my Rank -

I had always believed that, as an Officer, I was secure from degradation so long as my Conduct precluded a possibility of reprehension and even in the event of supposed misconduct until by being openly accused, an opportunity had been afforded to me of defending myself, but after more than twenty five years of either desreputable, nor inefficient Service as is shewn by annexed Orders,

I have

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I have found myself most completely condeceived. for on the occasion of my removal from an Office which I had fillet eight years a Communication of Accusation has been accompanied by that of Condemnation, and both have preceded all investigation that has admitted of my offering any thing in refutation of what may have been urged against me. but of which I am yet entirely ignorant, notwithstanding that eighteen Months have elapsed Since the occurrence of the Event to which my alliged misconduct, is said to have given rise——

Had the Censure been less generally expressed than it is I should not have felt myself precluded, as I now do, from entering upon an immediate Justification of my conduct in regard to any abnoxious Orders with which I may have been concerned although I conceive it to be an entirely novel System to consider an inferior Officer responsible for the Acts of his Superior but even in the state of uncertainty in which Such ambiguity of Expression has placed me, I derive much consolation in the

reflection

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reflection that any Advice which I may have given to
the late Commander in Chief was dictated by the purest
and most ardent Zeal for the public Service, and
founded upon personal Observation when employed under
Officers who were actuated by the same Sentiment;
And, notwithstanding the unfeigned Regret &
which I cannot but feel at discovering that I might
have acquired a more accurate knowledge of the pre-
judices of the Native Troops than I profess after serving
upwards of twenty five years in an Army of which
they form the principal part, and that too under the
most superficial observance of them; it will ever
be to me a cause of congratulation that the high
disapprobation of the Honorable Court of Directors
has not been incurred by any Act derogatory of
the Character of an Officer or that could have
subjected me to reproof in the judgement of a Court
Martial had I been indulged with a Trial before
so honorable a Tribunal for whatever Offence
may be imputed to me on act of Justice, to

which

which I must consider myself to have been entitled previously to being degraded in the Eyes of the Army, and which, being unconscious of any fault, much less an intentional one, I most earnestly claim as indispensable to remove the Stain that has thus been cast upon my Reputation.—

As however, I cannot allow myself to suppose that a Measure so injurious in its effect to my Character as an Officer, and so oppressive with respect to my prospects in the Service, has been adopted upon any other than public information, and that information not only founded upon positive, and incontrovertible Facts but proceeding from the Government in India as being the only Source from which it may be presumed, authentic Information is obtainable, I feel it incumbent upon me to request, should the Government possess a knowledge of any such Information having been transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors, that a Copy of it, and of the Documents upon which it was grounded, may be furnished to me, as I am confident that whenever I know

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I know the grounds of Accusation, and a fair opportunity of exculpation is afforded to me, which cannot happen any where but on the Spot. I shall not only be able to expose the fallacy of attributing the melancholy occurrence at Vellore to what are considered obnoxious Orders, but to prove by the Testimony of Officers of hitherto unimpeached Veracity and of undoubted knowledge of the subject, that every part of those Orders was perfectly in union with long established Practice, and that nothing else was directed in them than the course invariably pursued on the points to which they relate in all well regulated Corps of the Service.

Although from ignorance of the real point of accusation against me, I am thus deprived of the opportunity of proceeding upon sure, and certain, grounds to a refutation of them under the advantage arising from doing so where alone Truth can be obtained, I shall not hesitate to suppose as such the lately proposed

Turban

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Turban and a certain part of the Regulations, and considering them as the Objects of Defence, to solicit from Government the indulgence of being permitted to submit to its Notice with a View of their being publicly recorded, various Facts in regard to both; and some Observations upon Reports connected with them, and their alleged Consequences.—

The introduction of the Turban having preceded that of the Regulations, I shall commence with remarking upon it.—

The only point in which the proposed Turban differed from that in use with some one Corps, or other of the Army was in the inclined Plane being from front to rear instead of from side to side.—The Materials were in every respect the same—Viz.t blue woollen Cloth, upon an iron of Frame, with a cotton Tuft—leathern Cockade—and brass button—the former of which (the Tuft) was at that time worn by several regular Battalions, besides the Regiment of Madras Fencibles; and the

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whole / Cockade and Button / by both Battalions of the 13th. Regiment as is shewn with respect to the 2d. by the following Extract from the Standing Orders of that Corps. —

Extract from the Standing Orders of the 2d. Battalion 13th. Regiment Native Infantry commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Innes —

"Half Mounting and Accoutrements"

"Each Havaldar, Naigue, and Sepoy, to have"

"1 Cockade, and brass Button" — "The former being made of"

"Leather to be kept constantly black, and shining"

The erroneous Idea that real or

cause for objection existed in the shape of the Turban cannot be more completely refuted than it is by an exactly similar Turban being worn by a Battalion of Infantry in the service of the Nizam which is doing duty over His Highness' Person in the City of Hyderabad, and by the Ramnad Provincial or Battalion, commanded by Colonel Martinz, Men of the latter Corps are to be seen every day at the

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Presidency, and proof in regard to the former Circumstance can be produced when required.—

Besides the preceding Facts, it is known to many Officers in the Service that, twenty years ago, a Turban in exact imitation of the Bonnet of Highland Regiments was worn by the 12th Battalion now the 2d Battalion 8th Regiment, commanded by Captain Machinnon.—That in the Year 1788, the 29th Battalion, now the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment, commanded by Captain Dalrample had the Turban of its flank Companies ornamented with a Sheep's skin made into the Shape of a Bear's Skin, and worn in the same manner as is usual upon the Hat of an European; And that when the 16th Battalion, now the 2d Battalion 5th Regiment, commanded by Captain Coke came to Madras in 1797 to be employed upon the projected Expedition against Manilla its Turban was ornamented with a Black Tuft.—These Circumstances having passed under my own Observation, I am ready to make Oath to the truth of them.—

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It can be proved by the Records of the Adjutant General's Office that, subsequent to the publication to the Army of the Government General Order which abolished the proposed Turban, application was made to Head Quarters by several Corps to be permitted to retain that Turban, among which were.—

The 1st Battn. 13th Regiment

The 17th Regiment (both Battalions)

The 1st Battn. 19th Regiment

The 21st Regt. (both Battalions.)

The Situation of all those Corps had however preserved them from contamination either by the Mysore Princes or by communication with the City of Hyderabad, and in consequence they were not only unable to discover any objection to the Turban, but from seeing it in its real point of view as having a more military appearance than that formerly in use, became desirous of wearing it.——

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It has been declared upon Oath before a General Court Martial, the Proceedings of which form a part of the records of Government, by two respectable Native Officers of the 2d Battalion 4th Regiment, the one a Syed - the other a Brahmen - that no Objection whatever existed to the Turban being worn by any Person, either of the Mahomedan, or Hindoo Sects. —

What has been adduced will, I trust carry conviction to the most prejudiced mind that no Novelty existed in the proposed Turban, — and that a discovery of its resemblance to a Hat. or Drummers Cap could only have been the effect of a most fanciful, or disordered, Imagination. — Actual innovation took place in the Year 1797. when the real Turban was abandoned, and a Head Dress was substituted in its stead that bore no other affinity to it than the Name. —

With respect to the Regulations in general, it should, in strict justice, be known

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that the measure of revising them was no more urged by me than it could be considered any part of my duty. —

The late Commander in Chief was pleased to communicate to me his concern at the Code then considered to contain the Regulations of the Service having nearly become obsolete, declaring that it occasioned him to feel as if deprived of his left hand — to desire that it should be revised — to express his confidence in my ability to perform the Task — and to hold forth remuneration for the Trouble. —

Disclaiming all expectation of pecuniary reward, as being unusual in the Service, I undertook to meet His Excellency's wishes; and accordingly prepared the Regulations which on the 21st January 1806 were submitted by Sir John Cradock to the Government, and which remained in possession of the Council untill the succeeding 11th of March, when they were established as those of the Service by a Government General Order of

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of that date, and returned to me, for transmission to the Pres.t —

In framing or rather collating, those Regulations, which I considered likely to be the last that would be produced, I acted to the best of my abilities under the guidance of such knowledge as I had acquired during many Years personal Observation of of that System which was generally the most approved, and a reference to the Resolution of Government in regard to those Regulations will shew that my Endeavours to prove useful to the Service was not at that Period received as wholly unsuccessful. —

Remuneration has indeed been made to me, but of a nature different from that which I was led to expect, for in the first instance I was held forth to the abhorrance of an uninformed Public as the Author of the most atrocious deed that ever disgraced the military profession, and, in the second I have been removed from Office, and directed like a Culprit to proceed to England. — Thus Punishment

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has been substituted for Reward, and what I certainly expected would have obtained Commendation has hitherto only proved a source of Reproach. —

It seems that much blame has been attached to my having omitted to bring the objectionable Paragraph about Marks of Caste, and Ear-rings, to the notice of Government. — In my letter to the Commander in Chief dated 26th July 1806 / which I have understood is recorded upon the Proceedings of Government I explained the motive that had induced me to deviate from what Sir John Cradock was pleased to declare to have been his instructions to me And I request that "to mark in red Ink every deviation from the last Book of Regulation" — formed no part of the Commander in Chiefs injunctions to me nor will it I trust appear likely that such was the case when it is known that not one single Paragraph in the whole twenty seven Sections occupying near two hundred Pages was so noted in red Ink, notwithstanding that the

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deviations were numerous, Such deviations as were not
founded upon existing Orders, and which appeared to me
to require the confirmation of Government, were pointed
out in the Commander in Chiefs Minute that accom-
panied the proposed Compilation when submitted to the
Council.—

Upon this point it is necessary to
remark that, as the Commander in Chief did notice the
Paragraph in question, it might not have appeared
an improper measure of precaution if Sir John Cradock
considering it incumbent upon him to consult the Govern-
ment on the subject, had, when laying the Regulations
before the Council, observed that he entertained a doubt
as to the propriety of one particular Paragraph which
possibly might occasion uneasiness amongst the Native
Troops, and pointedly have brought that Paragraph to
the notice of Government.— Such a mode of procedure
would have obtained a discussion of the subject, and might
have prevented the occurrence of the many unpleasant
Events which, till a lapse of time had developed their
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real Origin, were erroneously attributed to that Paragraph,
although it had not been communicated to the two mu-
-tinous Battalions at Vellore, and never was published
otherwise than by a reference to it in the Standing Orders
for Battalions of Native Infantry Regements. —

It should also be recollected that re-
-siding at the Presidency in the midst of Officers, the
Commander in Chief had it in his power to obtain other
advice on the Spot — that the Post afforded him the
means of extending his enquiry throughout the British
Possessions in India — and that more than eleven Months
had elapsed between his arrival at Madras and the Period
-od at which he submitted the Regulations to Government. —

The real impropriety or impropriety of the Order pro-
-hibiting the Marks of Cast, and Ear rings, when
dressed in uniform, and whether it was, or was not, con-
-formable to the general usage of Corps, though probably
not that of one, or two, particular Battalions, re-
-mains yet to be publickly proved, and it is in India
only that it can be done, by the united testimony of

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both European and Native Officers who, from long Service and respectability of Character may be considered competent to afford impartial, and unbiassed, Information on the Subject——

In the mean time, I have authority for stating that both were forbidden by the Standing Orders of the 21st. Battalion (now the 2d. Battalion 2d. Regiment) commanded by Captain Urban Vigors. —

A report is said to prevail in England, and to have operated much to my prejudice, that I had submitted the same Regulations to Lieutenant General Stuart, who declined to publish them. —

I do not hesitate to affirm that the Assertion is false; and that what I laid before Lieutenant General Stuart, with a view to its publication to the Army was of an entirely different nature. It is now in my possession, and will be shewn to the Council, together with a Letter containing the Opinion of the Honorable Sir. Arthur Wellesley respecting it, whenever I may be permitted to do so.

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so an Indulgence which I anxiously solicit. —

I shall next advert to the Order for the New of Native Infantry Corps being shaved at Parades, and upon duty, which is as follows. —

"And it is further directed that at "all Parades, and upon all duties every Soldier of the "Battalion shall be clean shaved on the Chin. — It "is directed also that uniformity shall, as far as is prac- "ticable, be preserved in regard to the Quantity, and "Shape, of the hair upon the upper Lip" —

The most deliberate consideration of this Order has not yet enabled me to discover in it any thing Offensive, or obnoxious, to the real feelings, and prejudices, of the Natives, or any — thing that was not customary in some branch of the Native part of the Army —

Reports which have reached India from England appear to sanction the Idea that an Opinion prevails there of the Native Troops being in the habit of wearing long Beards on the lower

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part of the Face, and that the Order directing the Chin to be shaved was consequently an infringement of established Usage. —

The subjoined Extracts from the Standing Orders of three very excellent Battalions which were commanded by Officers inferior in Zeal, and Ability to no others in the Service, may however tend to dispel so mistaken a Notion. —

Extract from the Standing Orders of the 2d Battalion 13th Regiment Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Innes. —

'Dress and Appearance'

"The Native Officers — Non Commissioned — Drummers and Sepoys — to have their — "Beards clean shaved at least twice a Week — viz. on "Wednesday and Saturday. — If the Battalion furnishes "the Guards on those days they must shave the day "before". —

Extract from the Standing Orders of the 33d Native Battalion / now the 1st Battn 12th

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12th Regiment / principally selected from Captain Dun=
-woody's Standing Orders for the 8th Native Battalion. —

"Section 26th."

"Dress and Appearance"

"Para 5th" — "The Native Commissioned — non
"Commissioned — Privates — to have their Beards clean
"shaved at least twice a Week — Viz^t Wednesdays and
"Saturdays — If the Battalion furnishes the Guards on —
"those days they must shave the day before." —

Major Dunwoody, Lieutenant Colonel Tolfrey and Innes, were Officers of acknowledged Capa=
=city uniting with most honorable Sentiments an enthusiastic Ardor for their Profession. — Their Orders have therefore been referred to, although made of the greater Number of Corps were to the same purport if not expressed in the — same Words. —

With respect to that part of the Order which directs "Uniformity shall, as far as is prac=
="ticable, be preserved in regard to the Quantity, and "Shape of the Hair upon the upper Lip." — I am unable

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to form a Conjecture upon what Grounds any Objection can be made.—

The practice was generally observed in the Native Cavalry Regiments, in which the highest of all Casts serve; and I imagine it is unnecessary to remark that a thin Whisker usually distinguishes as well the Mussulman of Rank, as the Mahomedan Coxcomb. Besides all Idea of that Order having afforded real cause for discontent must cease when it is remembered that the same People, who abhor, as a mark of disgrace, the act of cutting the hair of the head, have chearfully, and without a murmur, submitted for many Years to their Hair being cut short in the Neck.—

No particular dimension of Whisker was prescribed—it was left optional with Commanding Officers to adopt in their Corps one of a large—middling—or small—Size.—Uniformity, so desireable in the Appearance of Soldiers, was alone required—and no real Objection can be urged against the attainment of that Object.—

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Under the foregoing Statement of Facts it is difficult to determine upon the parts of those Orders which from being considered obnoxious, have induced the Honorable Court of Directors to command my removal from Office for the advice I gave on the subject of them; and I therefore feel fully confident that the justice of the Honorable Court will lead it to relieve me from the effect of its displeasure.

There yet remains one point which I beg leave to notice, and that is a Report of the Honorable Court of Directors having observed that the Native Troops had never before fired upon their Officers.

Although I should have supposed that the Transactions at Vizagapatam in the Year 1780, which probably are related upon the Records of Government, would decidedly militate against any such Idea, yet I derive much satisfaction at the prospect of having it in my power when

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arrived in England to refer for information on the Subject to so respectable an Authority as Colonel Archibald Brown of the 14th Native Regement, whose compe-tency to speak to the fact, and perhaps to its origin, — from having been the Adjutant of the Battalion to — which I alluded as having mutined there, cannot be doubted; and who, according to Report, was driven to the necessity, by the Fire of the Mutineers, of taking refuge from the Shore on board a Masoolah Boat, —

In the apprehension however of the possibility of being deprived of that Officer's Testimony I take the liberty of appealing for information whether — or not the Mutineers did fire on that occasion, and whether, or not, besides several Europeans being — killed, the Commanding Officer, and Adjutant of the Corps did in consequence escape from the Shore to a Masoolah Boat, to Mr. Casamajor of Council and to Mr. Maxtone of the Civil Service; both of whom, it is believed, then held high and important Situations at Vizagapatam — —

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The more recent Mutiny of the 1st Native Cavalry in the Year 1784 at Arnee certainly did not afford an instance of the Men living upon their Officers, but it exhibited the more cruel Act of torturing them by a daily exposure bare headed, and seated upon Stones, to the dreadful effect of a vertical Sun, to which Captain Macalister fell a Sacrifice; and from so inhuman a Specimen of Outrage little doubt can exist of what would have been the conclusion of their Excesses if sufficient time had been allowed to the Mutineers to complete their plan of revolt —

Rectitude of Intention on the Occasion that has incurred the displeasure of the Honorable Court of Directors, aided by the reflection that my Conduct has ever been guided by disinterested Zeal for the Service, affords me the Consolation that is inseperable from conscious Innocency, and assuring myself that a real knowledge of circumstances is alone necessary to annihilate every Opinion which has

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hitherto been formed to my prejudice. —

I have the honor to be
D.r Sir &c.
(Signed) F. Peirce
Major Madras European
Regiment. —

Madras
28th January 1808.

Head Quarters
Fort St. George
1st June 1792

"G. O. By the Commander in Chief"

"The Adjutant General (Lieutenant
"Colonel Close) having returned to the Presidency Major
"Peirce will return to his Regiment: But not before
"Major General Meadows has paid this just tribute to
"the satisfactory manner in which he has done the
"important duty of Assistant Deputy Adjutant
"General to Major General Musgrave to the Com-
"mander in Chief and to the Government." —

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"Head Quarters Choultry Plain

24th. March 1802"

"G. O. By the Commander in Chief."

"Lieutenant Colonel Agnew having

"returned to the Presidency, will be pleased to resume

"the charge of the Office of the Adjutant General of

"the Army."—

"The Commander in Chief, in jus-

"tice to Major Pierce the Deputy Adjutant General

"judges it proper to express his approbation of the

"Zeal Ability and Assiduity, manifested by that

"Officer in conducting the duties of the Office of the

"Adjutant General of the Army during the Absence

"of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew;—

I regret that it should have been necessary for me to make any Observations upon the Letter of Major Pierce, the late Deputy Adjutant General, which has been recently transmitted through the Commander in Chief to this Government, as nothing can be farther from my intention than to weaken

Minute of Mr. Petrie
Notices an error in the Representation of Major Pierce; declares that He never saw the Code of Orders and was never officially or privately consulted regarding them. States also that He was not aware of the existence of the Order respecting Marks of Caste and Wishes until after the Meeting at Vellore, when on the fact being intimated to him by Lieutenant Colonel Orr and Captain Grant

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"He reported it to the Governor, who then heard of it for the first time"

weaken in any respect the defence which that Officer has thought proper to deliver upon the late Orders from the Honorable the Court of Directors. The duty which I owe to my own Character as well as to the Cause of truth, compels me, reluctantly to point out an error which Major Pierce has probably from inadvertency fallen into, in the Explanations he has given of his own Conduct. That Officer States, that the Regulations of the Service which by the orders of Sir John Cradock he revised and reduced into form, were by the Commander in Chief Submitted to the Government on the 21st of January 1806 "and which re-
"mained in the possession of the Council until the
"Succeeding 11th of March when they were established
"as those of the Service by a Government General
"Order of that date, and returned for transmission to
"the Press." — In refutation of this Statement I declare most Solemnly before God, that, I never saw these Orders, that they were never communicated to me and that my attention was never called to this consideration

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of them, either officially or privately, and under the Same Solemn Asseveration I declare that, the first Intimation which I received that the Marks of Casts upon the foreheads of the Sepoys or the forms of their Whiskers had been Subjected to the Regulations of Military Discipline was Communicated to me by Lieutenant Colonel Orr and Captain Grant of the Governor's Body Guard who met me in the Consultation Room on my return from a Conference with the Governor / a very few days after the melancholy accounts of the deplorable Events at Vellore. I appeal to these Officers if my astonishment was not great and expressed to them in the Strongest terms of Surprise and Concern, and to their recollection, if I did not assure them of my determination to Communicate the extraordinary fact to the Governor, I went directly to Lord Willm Bentinck and I appeal to His Lordship if he did not declare to me at that Interview his entire Ignorance that any such practise had prevailed in the Native Army - I beg leave

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to confine myself to the mere Statement of the fact, as it relates to myself and my Individual responsibility and not in any Shape to call in question the authenticity of the Testimonies which Major Peirce has adduced upon this occasion. —

Madras 23d January 1808.

/Signed/ W. Petrie

Resolution thereon. — Resolved that the above Papers be brought to the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors by the next Dispatch, and that the following Reply be dispatched to the Commander in Chief —

To Lieutenant General Macdowall

Commander in Chief

Sir,

To the Commander in Chief In reply to the above communication —

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of — your letter of the 15th Instant with a Memorial from Major Peirce late Deputy Adjutant General of the Army. —

The Governor in Council is of — opinion

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opinion that the Resolution which was passed on the late Address from Lieutenant Colonel Agnew is equally applicable to the Memorial of Major Peirce, I am therefore instructed to request that you will state it for the information and guidance of that Officer. —

The Governor in Council will bring to the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors the Memorial of Major Peirce, and any further papers which he may be desirous of submitting to the Honorable Court through the channel of this Government. —

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

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Read the following Letters. —

From the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara. —

To

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To the Secretary to Government

Military Department

Sir,

From the Officer Comdg. in Malabar & Canara. Reports the destruction of one of the European Barracks at Cannanore by Fire, and recommends that both may be rebuilt more substantially —

I have the Honor to report the total destruction of one of the Barracks of the 12th. Regiment by Fire. —

From the description of Material which the Barracks are composed of they must be liable to frequent accident by fire —

I submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council, the propriety of the walls being built of Stone or unburnt Brick and the necessity of the Engineer commencing, immediately on his arrival to rebuild the two Barracks now wanting one having been rendered perfectly useless from the Effect of bad weather. —

Head Quarters
Kartcutcherry
14th. January 1808.

/Signed/ S. Cuppage
Lieut.t Colonel Comdg.
in Malabar & Canara.

Proceedings.

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Proceedings of A Committee of Survey held by order of Colonel Cuppage, to Investigate the Damage sustained (in Consequence of an Accidental Fire) on the Night of the 19th. Instant at the Barracks of His Majesty's 12th Regiment of Foot.—

President
Colonel Cuppage
Members { Captain Bayly / Captain Crompton.

Names of Places	Remarks by the Committee	Remarks by the Mily. Board.
Public Buildings Barrack No 6 of H. M. 12th Regt of Foot.—	The Committee proceed to Examine into the Damage done by the late Fire. We find that No 6 in the range of Barracks has been completely destroyed by the Conflagration, as also that Thirty three of the Barrack Cotts have been burned or are so Completely damaged as to render them unfit for further Service.—	

(Signed) J. Cuppage
Lieut. Col. President
" R. Bayly
Capt. H. M. 12th Foot
" J. Crompton Captain
& Member.

Cannanore
23d December 1807

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From the Secretary at Fort William

To George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secy. at Fort William requests to know if more Elephants are required for this Presidency, and encloses a letter from the Contractor on the Subject—

In continuation of the subject of the communication from this Department of the 14th ult. Ultimo, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a further letter which has been received from Mr. Macrae under date the 7th Instt. and to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council previously to any arrangement for providing an additional supply of Elephants on account of the Presidency of Fort St. George, being formed on the part of this Government, is desirous of obtaining the Sentiments of the Honorable the Governor in Council as to the expediency of the measure with reference to any present or expected demand for Elephants at Fort St. George for the purpose of completing the—

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Establishment required for the Service of that
Presidency. —

Fort William
8th January 1808.

I am
Gen. Gen.
Signed J. Thornhill
Acting Sec.y.

To Jno. Thornhill Esq.r
Sec.y Military Department

Sir,

On the Second of last Month I
wrote to the Secretary to the Military Board, that
I had dispatched from Chittagong for Ganjam, thirteen
Elephants, to complete the number I had engaged to
furnish for the Presidency of Fort St. George — and
before I disposse of my Koonkies, or decoy Elephants
and discharge the men I had entertained for the fulfilz
ment of my Contract, may Beg, that you will be
pleased to inform me, whether or not, it is the
pleasure of the Right Honorable the Governor
General in Council, that I shall continue to
provide —

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provide an annual Supply of Elephants to keep up the establishment of them at Madras --

I have the honor to be

Gen. Gen.

7th January

1808.

/Signed/ A. MacRae

Cont. for Supply the Presidency of Fort St. George with Elephants -

A True Copy

/Signed/ J. Thornhill

Acting Secretary

Order thereon

Ordered that - copies of the foregoing Letters be referred to the Military Board for consideration and report. -

From the Widow of the late Captain Lieutenant Brudenell. --

The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Baronet and K.B.

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Widow of the

Compelled by the despondency of my

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the late Captain Lieut.t Brudenell Applies for the Pension of a Captain of Infantry and for the remission of a Retrenchment against her late Husband —

my Condolation from Captain George Brudenells recent death to such the resource provided by the Bounty of Lord Clive, for the relief of a Military Officer and having uniformly Obtained from Government the indulgence of a considerable allowance appropriate but to his former Effective Rank, — as a Captain Lieutenant of Cavalry Same, in Consequence of which, humbly induced, from Solicitude, and the instigation of Sympathizing friends, to address you also Honorable Sir, on the Subject, of my Solitary Case, in the Soothing Anticipation Acquiring to it —

The late Captain G. Brudenell was sanctioned by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to receive full Captain of Invalids Pay Since the Year 1793 — which he has duly received the Indulgence of Government, by leave to Observe Honorable Sir, from February 1803, 4 - 5 in July, were Ordered to refund the difference of full Captain Pay, the late Captain, G. Brudenell was totaly a Stranger to any Order, of altering the Resolution of

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the former Government, he has addressed a letter to Lord William in the year 1805, which a Copy of No. 1 and an Answer from the Commander in Chief No 2d. I have the honor of enclosing for your Inspection, in Consequence he has been Granted to draw full Captains Pay again which Captain Brudnell unavoidably Omitted to address the Government, the difference Stopped from his Pay, from his alarming indisposition at the time, intirely Precluded him from Attending any of his Concerns. Conformably the benevolent Support and Recommendation of your Honorable Sir for my Participating in the Pension Granted to the Widow of a Captain of Infantry, Agreeable to the Rank he retained at the time of his demise — and also the difference of the above Mentioned Retrenchment. — Amounting to Star Pagodas 114 f. 29 Cash 30. and to which I humbly hope my Pretention will be suffered by you Honorable Sir in a reflection upon the respectable Career of Capt G. Brudenell, through life, his Services in the Army, of His Majesty, and the Honorable Company, for Eight and forty years, in

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addetion to that unpropitious fate, to him resulting from the fortune of War, which thus unavoidably impels me to encroach Honorable Sir on your indulgence and for, which in a Solicitation Honorable Sir of your Excuse. —

I have the honor to be
Yr. Yr. Yr.

Vepery
20th January 1808 —

(Signed) A. D. Bradenell

(A True Copy)

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

My Lord,

Fending myself excluded in the distrebation of the Off Reckonings for the Succesive years 1800—1—2. May leave with respectful — dessference to tender for your Lordships Perusal the Copy of a letter addressed to Colonel Braithwaite while Commanding the Army, on the Coast,

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on that Subject—

Under so favorable a Document as I have the honor to Submit to your Consideration, I shall not, I hope be thought to Intrude myself unnecessarily on your Indulgence, in Soliciting your interference for my readmission to a participation in a fund, which along Series of years of Service may be thought to intitle me Sanctioned as it, had been by the Permission of Government. Acting under Conviction of its Contenuance I had been led to borrow a Sum of Money, for necessary Purposes, the repayment of which in the Event of my Exclusion from future Participation in the distribution of the Off Reckonings, will become to me a Matter of the most Serious Difficulty.

A service of 15 Years in His Majesty's Army, and a longer Period of 30 Years devoted to the Service of the Honorable Company, May have some to have entitled me to an extraordinary Indulgence and this was Manifested in the Sanction of Government to my drawing full Captain's Pay in the year 1793, it is therefore with lively Concern, that I am

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I am compelled to inform your Lordship, that I have been directed to resend the difference, since the Month of February 1803. tho' I profess myself a Stranger to the Publication of any Orders that may have tended to Effect the Indulgence awarded to me. —

In firm Reliance on your Lordships Favorable interposition in Support of Sanctioned Claims —

With the greatest Respect —

I have I have I have

/Signed/ G. Broadmell

Captain

Samulcottah

4th February 1805

Captain Broadmell

I have I have I have

Samulcottah

Sir,

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to Communicate to you, the Resolution of Council on the Subject submitted to His Excellency by me in the Absence of the Military Secretary. —

I have —

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Resolution thereon

I have the honor to be
Gen. Gen.
(Signed) Chas. St. George A.D.

Resolved in Consideration of the Circumstances attending the Case of Captain Lieutenant Brudenell that he be allowed the Pay and allowance of an Invalid Captain of Infantry, agreeable to the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief—

A True Extract
(Signed) Chas. St. George A.D.

Ordered that the following Reply be dispatched—

To Mrs. Brudenell

Madam,

To Mrs. Brudenell Regretting that the Regulations of Lord Clives Fund does not admit of her being Pensioned as a Captain of Infantry—

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant, and to express to you His regret that the indispensible necessity of conforming in the strictest manner to the regulations established for the management of Lord Clives' Bounty—

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Bounty Funds, precludes Him from complying with your request to be pensioned on that Fund as the Widow of a Captain of Infantry.—

I am

Fort St. George Sir, Your Obt. Servt.

27th. January 1808. (Signed) G. Strachey

Secy. to Govt.—

Read the following Letter from the Acting Collector and Magistrate at Pondicherry.—

To George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Magistrate at Pondicherry Reports the circumstances under which he has been induced to place Lieuts. Commiades a Prisoners of War in a state of restraint—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th. Instant accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Commander in Chief to the Chief Secretary to Government under date the 30th. Ultimo—

I think it my duty to represent to the Honorable the Governor in Council a circumstance

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circumstance that has lately occurd at this place.

On the Morning of the 15th. Instant

it was reported to me by the Head Police officer, that

Lieutenant Lewis of the 2d. Battalion 6th. Regiment of native

Infantry and Sub Lieutenant Commiade, a French

Prisoner of War had either quitted the Town, or intended

so to do, in order to fight a Duel. I immediately Summond

both parties, and received a solemn assurance from

them that they would preserve the peace, and neither

insult or give offence to each other.

By a deposition of Lieutenant Lewis

and another from Ensign Goodrich, which I have

the honor to forward herewith, it appears that Lieu-

tenant Commiade on the Evening of the 10th. Instant

met with Lieutenant Lewis on the Parade, that he

made use of opprobrious language to him, and taking

out a Pistol, desired him to fight with him. I con-

ceived it my duty hereupon to put Lieutenant Com-

miade under restraint, and delivered him to the

Custody of the Chief Officer of the Police until

I shall

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I shall be honored with the directions of the Honorable the Governor in Council —

Lieutenant Commeiade in the Month of June last was required with other French Officers prisoners of War to embark on the Cartel Ship Marquis Wellesley, which sailed from Pondicherry for the Isle of France with the option however of still remaining in Pondicherry / where he has a Wife and family / but on such Case to be deprived of his Allowance of 17 Pagodas per Month as a Sub Lieutenant - He pleaded his ill State of health as the Cause which prevented him from embarking on the Cartel - & represented this Circumstance in a Letter to the Chief Secretary to Government under date the 20th May last, and was directed to transmit a report from the Surgeon doing duty here, from time to time of the State of his health - I forwarded the Surgeon's report of his recovery, and represented that he, Lieutenant Commeiade, has assured me that he would avail himself of any opportunity that might offer of a Sea Conveyance from Tranquebar -

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Trangabar to the Isle of France to procure a Passage on-
board her—

In consequence of the Enclosed Extract
of a Letter from the Secretary to Government. the allowance
formerly made to Lieutenant Commiade of 17 Pagodas
per Month was reduced two thirds or to 11 Pagodas 15 fs.
per Month which he is still in the receipt of—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) C. W. Fallofield
Acting Magistrate—

Pondicherry
21st January 1808.

P. S. Copy of a Letter addressed by Lieut.
Commiade to Lieutenant Lewis in the afternoon of the
19th Instant, I beg leave to forward herewith.—

I George Lewis do make Oath and
Solemnly declare that on the Evening of yesterday the
19th Instant about Six O'clock Lieutenant Commiade
met me on the Parade—desired me Stop—and give him
the Satisfaction of a Gentleman—I replied that in
consequence of a letter which he had sent to me yesterday
afternoon, and from the threatening language he &

Lieutenant—

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Lieutenant Commiade had made use of to Some English Officers here at different time – that he – would take an opportunity of attacking me whenever he might meet me, I was prepared to meet an assassin Lieutenant Commiade hereupon immediately pulled a pistol from his Bosom but on perceiving that I was armed – he retired for a short time, but afterwards continued to follow me presenting his pistol and using the most opprobrious language. He then declared on my quitting the parade a little before seven Oclock that I ought to appear armed in future as he would attack me whenever he found me. –

So help me God.

/Signed/ Gn. Lewis

Sworn to before me
this twentieth Day of
January 1808 –

/Signed/ C. W. Falloufield
Justice –

I Thomas Goodrick do hereby make Oath and Solemnly declare that while

Mr.

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Mr. Lewis and myself were walking across the Parade on the Evening of the 19th Instant we were followed by Lieutenant Hommiade a French Prisoner of War - who when within a few Paces of us desired Mr. Lewis to Stop, which he accordingly did Lieutenant Cammiade then addressed Mr. Lewis in French and Shortly after drew a Pistol from his Bosom - We then proceeded an our Walk, Lieutenant Cammiade still following us and at Times presenting his Pistolt at Mr. Lewis and calling to him, at about half past 6 when returning from the place Lieutenant Cammiade spoke to Mr. Lewis in French the only Part of which that I understood was " Garey Garde Le moi

Sworn to before me
this Twentieth day of
January 1808 -

So help me God
/Signed/ Thomas. Goodrick

/Signed/ C. W. Fallofield
Justice -

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from G. Strachey Esqr.
Secretary to Government Dated 15th August 1807.

"His Lordship in Council is pleas-
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-ed to permit Colonel De Mainville and Sub-
-Lieutenant Commiade Prisoners of War under the Cap-
-pitulation of 1803, to receive two thirds of their Late -
"allowances until it shall be practicable for those
"Officers to proceed to the Isle of France. His
"Lordship in Council however considers it to be
"reasonable to limit this indulgence in the case of
"the former officer to a period of Six Months -
"The departure of the latter depending on the recovery
"of his health, I am directed to desire that the -
"State of M. Cammiades health may be regu-
"larly certified for His Lordships information at the
"begining of every Month, under the Signature of
"the Medical Officer Stationed at Pondicherry —

A True Extract

(Signed) C. W. Falloseild

Acting Magistrate —

Sir,

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Sir,

Being reduced to the last extremity, as you have not thought proper to Answer my Notes, and honor does not prompt you to render the Justice due to me without witnesses / an instance of which is rarely to be met with in this place / I give you Notice that I am determined to proceed to the utmost to revenge myself for the insult which you have offered me —

/Signed/ B. Cammiade

Pondicherry
19.th January 1808.

A True Copy
/Signed/ C.W. Fallofield
Acting Magistrate &c.a

A True Translation
/Signed/ G.G. Keble
French Translator to Govt.

Ordered that the following Reply be dispatched. —

To the Acting Collector & Magistrate of
Pondicherry

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the

To Answer reply —

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the Governor in Council to acknowledge the re-
-ceipt of your Letter of the 21st Instant —

Presuming that Lieutenant
Lewis and Ensign Goodrich will have departed
from Pondicherry the Governor in Council de-
-sires that you will release Lieutenant Cammiade
from the state of restraint in which it has been
necessary to place him, assuring him however at
the same time that he will be again put
into confinement if he shall be guilty of
further outrage during his continuance in the
Territories of the Honorable Co.y. —

The Governor in Council deems
it to be proper that Lieutenant Cammiade
should be again enjoined to proceed to the
Isle of France by the earliest opportunity
and that in the mean time his Allowance be
reduced to the least amount on which it
may be possible for him to subsist — you

will

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will accordingly report the rate of Allowance which in your opinion may be granted to Lieutenant Cammeade on this principle. —

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

Office.
Allowance

" G. K. Barlow
" R. Clarke
" J. Oakes
" W. Chamier

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Diary

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Received and sent the following Letters

entered in M. B. Nos 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 94.

From Lieutenant Colonel Capper -

From the Adjutant General of the army -

Reports that the two women sent from Dindigul to attend as Evidences against an Artillery man, are left without subsistance or the means of return. -

From Major Bruce - Reporting on an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Seringapatam for the Current Month. -

From the Military Auditor General -

From Mr. Fallofield - Reports the arrival on the 21st of Mr. Cadet Addison, and his departure the following day. -

From the Acting Magistrate at Pondicherry -

To Lieutenant General Macdowall

To the Commander in Chief

orders have been issued to supply two Doolies and bearers for the women mentioned in the adjutant Generals letter of this date

To the Military Board - Transmits for report, a Letter from Fort William respecting the Contract for Elephants - also one from the Officer -

To the Military Board. -

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Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara relative to Barracks - the Bills mentioned in their Letter of the 18th. Instant have been authorized.-

To the Military Auditor General -

To the Military auditor General

Transmits copies of a letter from the Adjutant General - and of one to the Commander in Chief in consequence -

The same to the Town Major. -

To the Town Major of Fort St. George.

To the Milry Auditor Genl. - With Extracts from

To the Military auditor General

the Proceedings in this Department of the 26th. Instant -

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General

- With copy of the Military Auditor General's report on the additional Estimate of cash required by the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops for the current Month, and an Estimate of cash by the Paymaster at Seringapatam for the ensuing month. -

To Ditto - With copy of the Military Auditor General's report on the Additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at

To Ditto.

Seringapatam

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To the Military Paymaster General

To Ditto — Directs that the Pay-
-master at Vellore may be ordered to sell the Horses
sent him from the Depot

To Ditto

To Ditto — With Extract from
the Proceedings in this Department of the 26th Instant —

To the Advocate General. -

To the Advocate General - Enclosing copy
of a Letter from the Undertaker, requesting to know
whether the funeral expences of two Officers should
be defrayed from the Amount of their Estates depo-
-sited in the Treasury —

28th Received and sent the following
Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 92 & 93. —

From the Military Auditor General.

From Major Bruce Reporting on
the additional Estimates of Cash by the Paymasters
at Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly for the ensuing
Month —

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General.
With Copy of the Military Auditor General's Report
on the additional Estimates of cash by the Paymasters
at -

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at Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly for the ensu-
-ing month

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart. K.B.

Governor and President.

Friday the
29th. January 1808

William Petrie
Thomas Oakes } Esqrs.
and
J. H. Casamaijor.

Minutes of last Consultation read
and Approved.—

The following Papers having returned
from Circulation are ordered to be Recorded.—

To the Honorable

Sir, George Hilaro Barlow Bart. and K.B.

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

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Auditor
General being uncertain
respecting the appoint-
-ments which being held
by

I have taken into Consideration the
Orders contained in the minutes of the Honorable
the -

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by officers of the army should deprive them of their military allowances. He submits a general statement of appointments held by military men, and of the allowances civil and military enjoyed by them.—

the Governor in Council under date the 22d of December last, directing me to submit a Draft of a Regulation for carrying into effect the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors restricting Officers holding certain Appointments from drawing Regimental allowances, Subsistence only excepted, according to the Principles laid down in the Minute of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

2 In framing a General Order in Conformity to this Resolution I respectfully acknowledge that some Doubts have arisen with me regarding the Appointments which should be included or which should be left out, I have therefore thought it may be more satisfactory and perspicuous to make out a List of the Appointments and the names of the Officers holding them, and adding two seperate Columns the one specifying the allowance received in the Civil Capacity, the other what is received Regimentally which will better enable your Honor in Council to form a judgement upon each

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each case, than if I were to make out a mere List of Appointments which have or may be held by Military Officers - and in reference to the different Appointments, I beg leave to add the following Observations.-

First. Regarding Political Residents at Foreign Courts, Government upon the 30th. Decr. 1804, directed that Officers under the Presidency when acting in that Capacity should not draw any Regimental allowance but subsistence, in conformity to the principle established in similar cases in Bengal - Upon the 14th March 1805 however an exception was made in the cases of the Resident at the Courts of the Rajah of Tanjore, and of Travancore, as their salaries were upon a more limited scale than those of the Officers holding the diplo=matic situations of Residents at the Courts of other native Princes.-

Second - Officers employed as Collectors

of

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of the Revenue - There is no Military Officer holding an Employ of that description at present. when they have been so employed, they were in the receipt of a certain percentage upon the amount of the Collections which being sufficiently liberal, the loss of half Batta can be but a secondary consideration -

Third Officers acting as Judges in any of the Civil Departments, the only Officer in an appointment of that nature at present, is Lieute-nant Colonel Tilly Symons, Judge at Seringapatam those allowances according to the Information, I have obtained is a percentage on some small Revenue arising from the Island of Seringapatam and which have of late been considerably reduced from local circumstances. -

Fourth. The Superintendant of the breeding stud at Itchapore. -

Fifth - Agent for the purchase of Horses -

Sixth - General Agent for Cavalry Supplies. -

Seventh

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Seventh.- Agent for Public Cattle in Mysore.-

Eighth.- Public Agent for the Gun Carriage manufactory at Seringapatam.-

Ninth.- Temporary Agent for the construction of Gun Carriages at the Presidency.-

Tenth.- Agent for the supply of military Stores-

Eleventh Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops.-

Twelfth- Paymaster to the Subsidiary Force serving with His Highness the Nizam.-

3. With respect to these nine last mentioned situations which are at present filled by Military Officers, they I apprehend are not purely civil all these allowances being included and chargeable to the Military Expenditure nor can their duties be considered as disconnected from the Military Branch of the service, the Officers holding them I understand being liable to be ordered by the Commander in Chief to perform certain Military Duties, such as sitting on Courts martial.-

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martial, or Committees for reporting on the Off reckoning and Bazar Funds, Committees of survey, and several of the Officers indeed from the nature of their situations would have to accompany the Army when it takes the Field, agreeably therefore to the principle laid down in the Minute of the Honorable the Governor in Council, and which I have been directed to adopt in drafting the G.O. the Officers holding those last nine Mentioned Appointments should not perhaps be Comprized in the Regulation.-

I have the honor to be

With the greatest respect

Hon'ble Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) P. Bruce.

Mily and Sec. General.

Military Auditor

Generals Office

Fort St. George

13th January 1808.

Statement

Statement of Appointments which are at present or have been held by Military Officers, shewing the Amount of their Salaries in that Capacity and what they receive Regimentally.-

Rank	Names	Appointments	Salary	Regimental Pay and allowances.
		Political Resident at Foreign Court Employed as Collector of the Revenue - Acting as Judge - - - - - - - -	Drawn on Civil Account	
Lieut.t Colonel	H.	Symons		201 10 40
Captain	H.	Evans	300 " "	96 5 20
Ditto	D.	Foulis	250 " "	137 18 25
Captain	H.	Munt	250 " "	137 18 25
Ditto	J.	Young	200 " "	96 5 20
Lieutenant Colonel	J.	G. Scott	500 " "	201 10 40
Captain Lieutenant	J.	C. Frank	200 " "	87 34 40
Lieutenant Colonel	A.	Orr	500 " "	201 10 40
Major . . .	J.	Campbell	250 " "	158 15 45
Captain Lieutenant	J.	Monison	176 12 "	85 13 40.

Drawn on the Military Account

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(signed) P. Bruce
Mily Aud.r Gen.l

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Minute of Mr. Petrie - Repeats the opinion which he recorded, while President respecting the appointments which should deprive officers of their military allowances, and comments on the military auditor General's observations on that subject -

As the letter from the Military Auditor General, dated the 13th Instant, which was brought to me this morning in Circulation, refers to a resolution of Government while I had the honor to preside in the Council, it is necessary in my opinion that I should submit to the Honorable the President in Council the following observations upon the grounds of Major Bruce's reference -

Upon a reconsideration of this subject I see no reason whatever to depart from the opinions which I recorded in Council, and upon which the Resolution was formed which has given rise to certain doubts in the mind of the Military Auditor General upon the first Interpretation of the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors, on the Contrary it appears to me that, the resolution in Council on the 22d ultimo was in Strict Conformity to the orders and Intention of the Honorable Court. -

Major Bruce has explained his

doubts

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doubts as to the specific appointments which should be included or exempted from the operation of the restrictive Order, and in the last Para: =graph of his letter he reasons in favor of an exemption to the last 9 appointments enumera: =ted in his statement.—

The Meaning of the Honorable Court, according to my judgement of the Case, was that Officers Employed in Situations purely Civil should not draw Regimental allowances in addition to their Official Salaries, and if I am correct in this opinion, it must be ad: =mitted that all Residents, Collectors of Revenue and Judges are incontestibly within the Intention of the Clause, there can therefore exist no doubt in the Cases of Colonel Macaulay, Lieutenant Colonel Symons, Captains Blackburn and Sydenham — With respect to Lieutenant Colonel Symons the Auditor General Remarks that his allowances arise from percentage

which

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which local Circumstances have Considerably reduced of late - The fact is correctly stated but it does not appear to be within the Provence of the Auditor General to have taken that Circumstance at all into his Consideration. By the Orders of the Court of Directors Lieutenant Colonel Symons cannot draw Regimental allowances and if his Salary should appear to be disproportioned to the importance of the duties which he has to perform, it will then be for the Wisdom and liberality of Government to make an adequate Encrease to the appointments of that Officer.-

Major Evans is certainly not subject in his situation at the Stud to the performance of Military Duties and may with propriety be Considered an Agent for Special purposes totally unconnected with Military details, but it rests with Government to determine ultimately upon the Case of this Officer.-

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Scott Captains Fowlis, Munt, young and Franck are agents employed by Government for the provision and supply of Horses, Public Cattle, Gun Carriages &c. and as their Allowances with the exception of Lieutenant Colonel Scott, are not high, Government may be induced to make an Exception in their favor.—

Lieutenant Colonel Orr is subject to certain Military duties when called upon by the Commander in Chief, but in every other respect and especially from former precedents his appointment appears to be more of a Civil than a Military Nature; upon this Case however Government will determine.—

The Salary of Major Campbell the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings' Troops is very low and his duty in that branch of the service is purely Military; he has not even an official Correspondent in the Civil Departments of Government except the Military

Paymaster

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Paymaster General, on these Considerations Govern-
-ment may be disposed to exempt this Officer
from the operation of the Order.—

The Appointments of the Paymaster
to the Subsidiary Force serving with His Highness
the Nizam have been already reduced to a scale
which in the opinion of many is disproportioned
to the degree of responsibility which attaches
to this situation, and to the amount of the
security which is given, but it is for Government
to determine if this Office is susceptible of any
further Reductions.—

Madras 19th January 1808.— (signed) W. Petrie

Ordered in consequence that the
following Letter be dispatched.—

To John Thornhill Esqr.

Acting Secretary to the Government at
Fort William

Sir,

To the Secretary at Fort William, Enclosing Copies of the Papers recorded relative to Civil Appointments held by Military Officers

Para 1 I doubt having written regarding
the Appointments, which the Honorable Court of
Directors

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Officers in order that the question respecting their allowances may be determined by the practice in Bengal.

Directors intended to depute, when they commanded that the Military allowances of such Officers as might hold them should be restricted to their Military Pay, the Honorable the Governor in Council has considered it advisable that the question should be submitted for the Consideration of the Supreme Government in order that it may be determined according to the practice in Bengal.

2 With this view I am directed to request that you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the enclosed copies of two Reports by the Military Auditor General at Fort St. George, and of two Minutes recorded by Mr. Petrie on the subject.—

3 I have further the honor to enclose an Extract of the letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, relating to the point in question.—

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I have the honor to be
Your &c.
(signed) G. Strachey
Secy to Govt

Lieut

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List of the Packet to the Acting Secretary to the Government at Fort William.-

1	Letter of this Date		
2	Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General With an Enclosure		3d July 1807
3	Copy of a Minute of Mr. Wm. Petrie		19th Dec. Do.
4	Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General With an Enclosure		13th January 1808
5	Copy of a Minute of Mr. W Petrie		19th Do. Do.
6	Extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors.		30th July 1806.
7	List of the Packet-		

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/Signed/ G Strachey
Secy to Govt.

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Commander in Chief and His Military Secretary.—

To the Honorable The President in Council.

Honorable Sir,

From the Commander in Chief—submits a memorial from Lieutenant McDonall requesting to be continued in his appointment—

In submitting to your Consideration the Accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara, forwarding a memorial from Lieutenant Macdonald it is necessary to state that there appears to have been some omission on the part of the Commander in Chief in not bringing forward Mr. Macdonalds' pretensions to Government—

Averse as I am to incur any expence which can be avoided, I conceive that a second staff officer in these extensive Provinces indispensibly necessary, and I have pleasure in being able to remark that there are few officers in the service of his Rank and standing who have stronger pretensions to your protection than Lieutenant Macdonald—

I have

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Madras
January 21st 1808

I have the honor to be
D/ Sir &c
/ signed Hay. Macdowall

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the Consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, a representation from Lieute=nant John Macdonald praying that his allow=ances, as Military Secretary, may be restored to him.-

His Excellency being acquainted with the number and distribution of the Troops serving in Malabar and Kanara, must be aware of the necessity there is for the services of more than one Staff Officer, and therefore renders any further remarks from me unnecessary.-

I have the honor to be D. Sir &c
/ signed J Cuppage
Lieut. Col. Com.g

To

H. Q. Dis. at Cavai.
13th January 1808.

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To the Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart. K.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Sir,

May I entreat your Excellency's Consider-
-ration of the following circumstances.—

On the 21st of February 1806 a General Order was issued abolishing throughout the Coast Army the Appointment of Military Secretary, and my situation as Secretary to the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Kanara consequently became annulled: But when Colonel Forbes the Officer then Commanding these Provinces represented to Sir John Cradock the inability of one staff officer to perform all the duty of the Division, and that I had at his particular request resigned a permanent appointment for that of Secretary, and Malabar Translator which had always been connected with the former, and the duty done without any emolument, excepting when in the Field, the Commander in Chief was pleased

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pleased to notify through Colonel Reynell (an
extract from whose letter I have now the honor
of submitting to your Excellency) that the orders
were chiefly directed against the secretaries
of General Officers who had other assistance, and
recommending me to draw the usual allowances

I accordingly Continued to do the duty
of the Situation untill the Month of August last
when the bad state of my health rendered a
voyage to Sea necessary for its reestablishment. On
my return to Cannanore on the 28th ultimo
I learnt for the first time from the Military
Paymaster that my allowances had been stopped
in consequence of a letter Dated the 10th of July
from the Secretary to Government to the Military
Auditor General apparently in answer to one
written by Major Bruce, who could not possi-
-bly have known Sir Johns decision in my
favor.

From the Tenor of this letter

I am-

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I am apt to Conclude that the Commander in Chief had omitted to mention to Lord William Bentinck his motives for making me an exception to the General Orders of the 21st of February, and I am confident that if his Lordship had been aware of these Motives, he would not have sanctioned the discontinuance of my allowances.-

Taking these things into your Excellencys consideration I trust you will not conceive my request of being allowed to remain in the situation of Secretary, and Malabar Translator, or Quarter Master of Brigade, as exceeding the bounds of moderation.-

Cannanore
12th January 1808

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Mc Donald
Lieut 12th Regt N. I.

Extract of a Letter from the Military Secretary of His Excellency the Commander in Chief to Colonel Forbes Commanding in Malabar and Kanara dated 28th March 1806

I have much pleasure in informing

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informing you that every thing will be done to secure to your secretary the Continuation of his allowances - The Orders abolishing that appointment were chiefly directed against the secretaries of General Officers who had other assistance - I should therefore advise his continuing to draw his allowances as usual -

/signed T. Reynell

Mily Secy.

a true Copy

/signed Mc. Donald

Minute thereon. -

The Board are concerned that they cannot concur in the opinion of the Commander in Chief with respect to the indispensible necessity of Two Staff-Officers being attached to the Officer Commanding the Troops in Malabar and Canara, and it is accordingly deemed incompatible with the order of the Honorable Court of Directors for making every practicable reduction in the -

Military

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Military expenditure of this Presidency to revise the appointment of Secretary to the Commanding Officer in those Provinces.-

Resolved however as Lieutenant Macdonald has explained to the satisfaction of the Board, the cause of his having continued to draw the allowances of that appointment subsequently to the abolition of it in General Orders on the 21st of February 1806, that the Military Auditor General be authorised to relieve him from the Retrenchment, which he has incurred on that account.-

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

From the Commander in Chief - respecting the general relief of Native Corps with plan and memoir of the Quarter Master General for its execution -

The adoption of a plan for the General relief of the Native Corps under this Establishment being in my mind indispensibly necessary, I have the honor to request that you will submit the accompanying Memoir, prepar-

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prepared by the Quarter Master General, to the Honorable the Governor in Council.

The judicious and Compre-hensive arrangements proposed by Colonel Munro will so fully accomplish the important Objects in view, that they meet with my entire concur-rence and Approbation; and the Expence in Comparison to the Advantage to be obtained, will I trust appear to Government extremely reason-able.

Some few previous Move-ments of Battalions must be made before the Commencement, if approved, of the general system; these shall be laid before the Honble the President in Council.

I have the honor to be

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(signed) Hay Macdowall

Madras

January 23d 1808.

Report

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Report from the Quarter Master General,

The Establishment of a permanent system of periodical reliefs of the Native Corps under this Presidency is recommended by numerous, and powerful considerations. - That measure had been ordered to be carried into effect by the Supreme Government; it will contribute to improve the efficiency and Military Qualities of the Native Army; and the present moment offers a most favorable opportunity for its execution. -

The General Wars, foreign expeditions, and internal services on which the Coast Army has been almost uninterruptedly employed since the period of its first formation have opposed serious difficulties to the adoption of a system of regular reliefs. - Those difficulties were augmented by the form and position of our territories. Stretching in a narrow tract along the Coast to an extent of 1100 miles, and bordered by an active enemy our dominions presented nearly in-

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insuperable obstacles to the introduction of a regular plan of reliefs, which becomes practicable and easy in proportion to the compactness and roundness of a Country.- The Center of our line of defence, which was most exposed to hostility must have been considerably weakened to provide for the relief of the troops at its extremities; and its great length would necessarily occasion a dangerous delay to the final completion of the reliefs.-

The annexation of Mysore the Ceded Districts, and the Coast of Malabar and Canara, together with the Establishment of Subsidiary Forces at Hyderabad, Poonah and Travancor have removed most of the local and political causes which opposed the adoption of a regular system of reliefs, and it appears to be adviseable to take advantage of the present period of general tranquillity to introduce a permanent plan for the accom-

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accomplishment of that object.

A plan of that description is calculated to afford important benefits to the constitution and Military system of the Native Army. — It will weaken the force of the local attachments of the Sepoys; and contribute to engage in support of the Service what may remain of those affections, in their minds. — By preventing the Native troops from remaining long at one Station, and by a System of frequent movement their attachment to particular Spots will be diminished, while the affection which they may still retain for the places of their nativity, an affection impossible and unnecessary to be altogether eradicated from their minds, will be gratified by the prospect which that plan will present of returning at stated periods to their Country. A System of reliefs will be also useful in keeping up the activity of the Native Army, and precluding

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the unfavorable effects which are frequently produced on discipline and the Spirit of Military exertion by want of employment and movement. The establishment and steady execution of that plan will also produce the consequence of allotting a succession of the good and bad Stations in the Country to each Corps; it will prevent the interposition of patronage or favor in determining the distribution of the troops; and preclude the irregularities in their movements which have sometimes resulted from those causes.—

It appears that a General relief of the Native troops should take place every second Year. To station a Corps longer than two Years at one place would extend the period of its arrival again at that Station to a distance of time beyond the Ordinary length of Service of the Sepoys; and would promote the formation of the local connections and attachments which

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it is a principal object of the system of reliefs to discourage.-

Many considerations dictate the expediency of completing each periodical tour of relief after it has commenced, with as much expedition as may be practicable. The Corps while in Movement are not so available for employment upon Service, as when placed at their fixed Stations; and the Season of the Year favorable to Military Movements is limited to about four Months.- The extreme heat in the whole of the Peninsula during the Months of April and May, the Monsoon which prevails on the Malabar Coast from May till September; and that which prevails on the Coromandel Coast from October till the middle of December would render the execution of a general system of Reliefs during those Months extremely inconvenient to the troops. The rains on the Eastern Coast cease about the 15th of December,

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and the four Months between that time and the Middle of March are entirely favorable throughout the whole Peninsula to Military Movements. But in order to complete a general relief within that period of time it is indispensably necessary that a certain number of Troops shall be put in motion at the same time from each Division of the Army with exception of Hyderabad. - To effect the relief by a successive train of movements beginning and ending at the same Division would keep the Army in a state of motion upwards of a Year. - In order that a simultaneous system of relief shall be carried into effect it will also be requisite that the number of troops to March from each Division shall not exceed the Amount of the disposable Native force generally allotted to the several Divisions of the Army; as the movement from a Division of more troops than those which are entirely disposable for

employment

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employment would involve the Removal of Corps from the fixed posts and Garrisons which are considered necessary to be occupied for the purpose of securing the Authority of Government, and would occasion delays incompatible with the early completion of the general tour of Relief. Three Battalions of Native Infantry constitute the Amount of the force that is usually disposable in each of the Divisions of the Army; and I shall consider three Battalions as the number of Corps to be put in motion from each Division. It will not be necessary that those Corps should March together: they will have to pursue different Routes in general; but they will commence their Marches in most cases within a few days of One another. In Mysore the ceded Districts, Malabar, Canara and the Northern Division, the Movements may commence in the beginning of December, as in some of those Countries the North East Monsoon does not prevail

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prevail, and in others it terminates at that period.-

I shall suppose the tour of relief to commence and terminate at Mysore, in Consequence of the Central position of that County, and the number of Native Battalions by which it is occupied. The General direction of the tour of relief will be from Mysore to the Center Division; from the Center to the Northern Division, from the latter to Hydera-bad, from thence to the Ceded Districts, from the Ceded Districts to the Northern part of Mysore and to Canara and Malabar; from Malabar to Quilon the Station of the Travancore Subsidiary force, from Quilon to the Southern Division, and from the Southern Division to Mysore by the passes of Guzzelhetty and Ryacottah.- The following account contains a detailed explanation of the several movements.

In the beginning of December a Battalion will

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will March from Seringapatam to the Barramahl and relieve the Battalion stationed in that District which will proceed to Wallajahbad.— About the same time two Battalions will March from Bangalore and relieve the Battalions at Vellore and Tripassor which will proceed to Wallajahbad.— Three Battalions to march at different Dates between the 15th and 31st December from Wallajahbad to Fort Saint George, and relieve the Native Corps doing duty in that Garrison.— The Battalions at Fort St. George to proceed when relieved to the Northern Division; one of them to Masulipatam, Another to Ellore, and the third to Samulcottah.— In the beginning of December the Battalion at Ellore to March to Chicacole, & the Battalion at Samulcottah to Ganjam, & relieve the two Battalions at those Stations, which will proceed without delay to Hyderabad. The Stations of Ellore and Samulcottah will be soon afterwards occupied by two of the Battalions which

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March from the Presidency to the Northern Division. - The Battalion at Masulipatam when replaced by a Battalion from Fort Saint George to proceed to Hyderabad. The first Battalion relieved at Hyderabad to proceed to Bellary, the second to Cummum, and the third to Gooty. The Battalions at Cummum and Gooty to March when relieved to Bellary. Early in December two Battalions to proceed from Bellary and relieve the Corps at Chittledroog and Bednore which will march to Cananore and Tellicherry. On the arrival of a Battalion from Hyderabad at Bellary a Battalion will march from the latter Station to Sedashagur, and relieve the Battalion at that place which will March to Mangalore. A Battalion will march in the beginning of December from Cananore to Quilon; and the Battalions at Mangalore and Tellicherry will also proceed to Quilon when relieved. - In the beginning of Decem-

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December a Battalion will March from Trichinopoly to Palamcottah, and the two remaining Battalions at Trichinopoly will March to Dindigul and Tanjore when relieved by Battalions from the Coast of Malabar. The Battalions at Palamcottah, Dindigul, and Tanjore to March when replaced to Trichinopoly. Two Battalions will March in December from Trichinopoly to the Mysore Country, and a third when relieved by a Battalion from Palamcottah. The March of the third Battalion from Trichinopoly to the Mysore Country will Complete the tour of relief of the Native Infantry.

A System of periodical reliefs appears to be still more necessary for the Native Cavalry, as a greater relative proportion of the Cavalry is stationed beyond the frontier than of the Infantry. The relief of the Cavalry may be conducted on a plan similar

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similar to that which has been proposed for the Infantry; and it may be proper that it should be carried into effect in the intermediate years between the reliefs of the Infantry in order to prevent too great a proportion of the Army from being in a State of Movement at the same period of time. I shall suppose that Connatoor and Arcot form one Station from their Contiguity to one another; and as almost all the Regiments of Cavalry have been raised at Arcot it appears to be proper that the tour of relief should terminate at that Station in order that Regiments on returning from beyond the frontiers may at once rejoin their families at Arcot, and be fixed for some time at a Station favorable to Recruiting and discipline. The Direction of the tour of relief will accordingly be from Arcot or Connatoor to Trichinopoly.

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Trichinopoly, from thence to Bangalore, from Bangalore to Bellary, from thence to Poonah, from Poonah to Hyderabad, and from Hyderabad to Arcot.- It is proposed that in the beginning of December a Regiment shall March from Arcot or Connatore to Trichinopoly, one from Trichinopoly to Bangalore, one from Bangalore towards Bellary, and from Bellary to Poonah.- The Regiment at Poonah when relieved by one from Bellary will March to Hyderabad, and relieve a Regiment at that Station which will proceed to Arcot and Complete the periodical system of relief.- The Regiments at Hyderabad will have to remain there four Years; but it seems to be impracticable to adopt a plan that would provide for their being relieved every second Year without deranging the whole system of reliefs.-

The Statement No. 1 exhibits the distance and the Number of Marches allotted to

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to each Corps: the Statement No. 2. shews the dates at which the relief will be Com=pleted at each Station, and in each Division: The Plan No. 1. exhibits the actual distribu=tion of the Native Army; and the plan No. 2 the Routes of the several Corps during the operations of the relief.—

The employment upon service of the troops of a Division of the Army at the time of a periodical re=-lief will not oppose any interruption to its execution; as the Division placed in those circumstances will be passed over in the tour of relief.— Thus ac=-cording to the general plan of relief a certain Number of Corps are to March from the Center to the Northern Division, and from the latter to Hyderabad; but if disturbances should exist in the North=-ern Division to require the services of the

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troops at the period of the Relief the Corps proceeding from the Center Division would March at Once to Hyderabad, and the troops in the Northern Division would not be included in that tour of Relief.- The same observation will apply to all the other Divisions of the Army.-

In Order to prevent the injurious effects which are always produced, on the discipline and efficiency of troops by being divided and broken into small parties the plan of the Relief is Arranged in a manner calculated to collect at large Cantonments the Corps that have been in a dispersed state; and to place at Subordinate stations the Battalions that have been collected in large bodies for some time.- Thus the Battalions at Vellore Tripassore, and in the Barramahl will be collected at Wallajahbad; the scattered Corps in the Northern

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Northern Division will be assembled at Hyderabad; the Corps at Cummum and Gooty will be Stationed at Bellary and those at Palamcottah. Dindigul and Tanjore will be Collected at Trichinopoly.-

It will be observed that the proposed plan of relief comprehends the whole of the Native Infantry, with exception of three Battalions in Mysore, and three at Hyderabad. It appears to be impracticable to avoid this inconviencey without producing a much greater one; for as 6 Battalions are attached to the Subsidiary Force, and only three Battalions are put in motion to relieve them, it is plain that half of the Subsidiary force must continue unrelieved. The same Circumstance will apply to the troops in Mysore; and it will be

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difficult to prevent it, because it is evident that the same number of Battalions must be put in Motion from each of the divisions of the Army, for if a greater number of Corps were put in Motion from One Division than from another the consequence would be that a material change would take place in the general distribution of the Army at the termination of each tour of Relief — But the Battalions at Hyderabad and in Mysore may be prevented by an interior arrangement in each of those Divisions from Remaining longer than two years at one Station. — Two of the Battalions belonging to the Subsidiary force are stationed at Bassim in Berar upwards of 200 Miles from Hyderabad; and by relieving those Corps annually the Battalions at Hydera-bad will not Remain at one Station longer than

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than two Years. - The same effect may be produced in mysore by an interchange of Stations between the Corps at Seringapatam and Bangalore -

The expences attending a system of regular reliefs will not it is probable exceed those that have been hitherto incurred on account of the Movements of troops in time of Peace. - These have been in general as Numerous as the Amount of movements which will be occasioned by a System of reliefs; the former have taken place in an irregular manner, at all Seasons of the year. and in Consequence of temporary causes. but the latter will be Conducted on a fixed plan, and carried into effect at a particular Season of the year. The Statement No. 3 shews the Amount of Annual expence which will attend the execution of the plan of reliefs;

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reliefs; but that expence cannot be considered as an additional disbursement, because the whole, or the greatest part of it would be necessarily incurred under any Circumstances. — I have not included in the Statement the expences to be occasioned by the Camp equipage Establishments; if the Tent Contract should be abolished as they are more than covered by the Sums which I have assigned to that object in the Report upon Tent allowance. —

The utility of a plan of periodical reliefs derives considerable support from late events in the Native Army; and from the practice which has been followed in Bengal. — Unless a System of that Nature shall be adopted the Native troops must relinquish all hopes of returning, while they continue in

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in the effective Service to the places where they enlisted; and Corps. as has hitherto been the case, will frequently remain during considerable periods of time at particular Stations.— Upwards of 20 Years will elapse, even if the System of reliefs shall be introduced, before a Battalion can return to the Station from which it marched; and if no fixed plan for the Movements of the troops in time of Peace shall be adopted it will be impossible to judge at what period of time a Corps may be likely to revisit the place of its formation.—

If the expences attending the plan of reliefs which I have proposed should be calculated to oppose its adoption, or if circumstances should exist at any time to render the movement of large bodies of troops from their fixed positions Dangerous to the preservation of Public

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Public tranquillity, a slower system of reliefs may be carried into effect by putting one Corps from each Division of the Army into move-ment Annually according to the tour of reliefs which I have described.- By this arrangement the same result, which would take place every second Year agreeably to the plan that I have recommended, would be effected every third year by a more gradual, and less expensive operation.- The great objection against this arrangement, an objection that I have al-ready adverted to is the length of time to which it would protract the return of a Corps to the place from which it marched.- But this arrangement although improper perhaps in Consequence of that objection to be esta-blished as a permanent plan may be usefully adopted when temporary causes, such as a

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pressure on the Public finances, or the ex-
-pectation of War may render it inexpedient
to put large Corps in movement at the same
period of time. The Movement of one
Corps each Year is founded upon the same
principles in regard to the direction of Move-
-ment and the rotation of Reliefs which ap-
-ply to the March of three Corps every
second Year: the great difference between
those plans consists in the different periods
of time in which a Complete Revolution of
the round of Relief would be effected under
their operation—

Quarter Mr. Genl's Office
Fort St. Geo: 11th January 1808.

(Signed) J. Munro
Dr Mr. Genl.

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No. 1.

Statement shewing the distances and Number of Marches allotted to the several Corps during a periodical tour of Relief.

	Miles	Days.
Seringapatam to Ryacottah	118.	12.
Bangalore to Vellore	120.	12.
Bangalore to Trispatore	177.	18.
Ryacottah to Wallajahbad	155.	16.
Vellore to Wallajahbad	52.	5.
Trispatore to Wallajahbad	30.	3.
Wallajahbad to Madras	40.	4.
Wallajahbad to Madras	40.	4.
Wallajahbad to Madras	40.	4.
Madras to Masulipatam	288.	29.
Madras to Ellore	307.	31.
Madras to Samulcottah	384.	38.
Ellore to Chicacole	239.	24.
Samulcottah to Ganjam	283.	28.
Chicacole to Hyderabad	451.	45.
Ganjam to Hyderabad	572.	57.

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	Miles	Days.
Masulipatam to Hyderabad	213.	21.
Hyderabad to Cummum	199.	20.
Hyderabad to Gooty	188.	19.
Hyderabad to Bellary	220.	22.
Cummum to Bellary	170.	17.
Gooty to Bellary	54.	5.
Bellary to Chittledroog	90.	9.
Bellary to Bednore	195.	20.
Bellary to Sadashagur	240.	24.
Chittledroog to Cananore	271.	27.
Bednore to Cananore (or Tellicherry)	189.	19.
Sadashagur to Mangalore	177.	18.
Cananore to Quilon	257.	26.
Cananore (or Tellicherry) to Quilon	263.	26.
Mangalore to Quilon	353.	36.
Quilon to Palamcottah	128.	13.
Quilon to Dindigul	265.	27.

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	Miles	Days.
Dindigul to Tanjore	329.	33.
Palamcottah to Trichinopoly	180.	18.
Dindigul to Trichinopoly	60.	6.
Tanjore to Trichinopoly	36.	4.
Trichinopoly to Seringapatam	223.	22.
Trichinopoly to Bangalore	209.	21.
Trichinopoly to Bangalore	209.	21.
Total		801.

Arcot to Trichinopoly	166.	17.
Trichinopoly to Bangalore	209.	21.
Bangalore to Bellary	181.	18.
Bellary to Poonah	357.	36.
Poonah to Hyderabad	347.	35.
Hyderabad to Arcot	360.	36.
Total	163.	

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No. 2.

Statement shewing the dates at which the reliefs will be Completed in the Divisions, and at the several Stations of the Army.

The reliefs will be Completed in the Center Division on the	30th December
In the Northern Division	1st February
At Hyderabad	23d February
In the Ceded Districts	26th March
In Malabar and Canara	11th January
At Ceylon	15th February
In the Southern Division	6th March
In Mysore	23d January
The relief of the Cavalry on the	16th March
The relief will be Completed at Pyacottah on the	12th December
At Vellore	12th December
At Trichinopoly	18th December

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At Wallajahbad	30th. December
At Madras	25. December
At Masulipatam	12. January
At Ellore	20. January
At Samulcottah	1st. February
At Chicacole	24. December
At Ganjam	28. December
At Hyderabad	23d. February
At Cummum	22d. February
At Gooty	27. February
At Bellary	26. March
At Chittledroog	9. December
At Bednore	20. December
At Sadashagur	24. December
At Cannanore	8. January
At Mangalore	11. January
At Tellicherry	15th. February

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At Palamcottah	16. February
At Dindigul	22d February
At Tanjore	2d January
At Trichinopoly	6. March
At Seringapatam	6. January
At Bangalore	23d January

The reliefs of the Cavalry will take place at the Undermentioned dates.

At Trichinopoly	2d January
At Bangalore	5th January
At Bellary	18. December
At Poonah	5th January
At Hyderabad	9th February
At Arcot	16. March

Statement

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No. 3.

Statment shewing the Extra expences attending the execution of a periodical tour of relief of the Native troops under this Government.

According to a Statement obtained from the Military Auditor General the extra expence of a Battalion of Native Infantry moving from One Station to another in time of Peace amounts to Pagodas 15 56 " 7 " 30. per Month, making the expence for one day amount to 51 - 36 " 51.

This sum Multiplied by 801 the Number of days March allotted to the several Corps of Infantry during a tour of relief Amounts to Pagodas 41,549 " 30 " 51. the total extra expence to be occasioned by the reliefs of the Infantry - - -

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Brought over 4,15,49. 30. 51.

According to a Statement obtained
from the Military Auditor General,
the Extra expence of a Regiment
of Native Cavalry from one Station
to another in time of Peace Amounts
to Pagodas 2676.36 per Month —
making the expence for one day Amount
to 89.9.48 — This sum multiplied
by 163 the number of Days March
allotted to the several Corps of Cavalry
during a tour of relief Amounts to
Pags: 14,544.10.64 the total Extra expence
to be occasioned by the reliefs of the Cavalry. 14,544 10 64.

Total Extra Expence of the Cavalry
and Infantry incurred in the
Course of two Years - - - - - - 56,093. 41. 35.

Annual Extra Expence attending the
execution of the proposed system of reliefs. 28046. 41. 37½

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Minute thereon

The Board entirely approve the Arrangement proposed by the Quarter Master General of the Army for rendering the relief of the Native Corps periodical and regular, and it is accordingly Resolved that the system be established.

Resolved however as the proposed period for commencing the Relief has already passed by, that the Commander in Chief be requested to state his opinion whether it will be practicable to observe the system in the present year.

George Strachey Esqre
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Military Secy to the Commander in Chief - with a description of the family of Commandant Shaik Khodawund enclosed in a letter from Colonel Lang -

In Compliance with the resolution of the Honorable the Governor in Council, on the 5th Instant, I have now the Honor by His Excellency the Commander

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Commander in Chiefs desire, to transmit
an Account of the Family Commandant
Sheikh Khodavand, for the purpose of
being laid before the Honorable the
Governor in Council.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Macpherson
M.y Sec.y

Commander in Chiefs Office
25th January 1808-

To Captain Macpherson
Secretary to the Commander
in Chief

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
-ledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 18th
Instant enclosing me an Extract from the
Minutes of Council and agreeably to the
desire of His Excellency the Commander
in Chief- forward you an Account and
Description

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description of the Family of Shaik Khodawand
Pensioned Commandant.-

Vellore
January 23d 1808.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Ross Lang
Lieut. Col. Comg

List of Survivors or Persons constituting the Family of Shaik Khodawund Pensioned Commandant as follows-

No	Names.	Age	Remarks.
1.	Shaik Khodawund	96	The claimant
2.	Kherin Bebee	60	Wife
3.	Shaik Hussun	28	Son - Naique in the 12th Battalion 9th Regt Native Infantry - had a Family consisting of four Children and two Wives -

Shaik

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No.	Names.	Ages.	Remarks.
4.	Shaik Rahimattulah	25.	Son without Employ.
5.	Shaik Khodawund	20	Do ----- Do
6.	Sahib Baigum.	15.	Daughter Married to Syed Mahomed Subidar in the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry.
7.	Paudshah Baigum	14.	Unmarried Daughter
8.	Paudshah Sahibah	50.	Widow to his Brother in law.
9.	Fautma Sahibah	40.	Do -- Do -- Do
10.	Khuiew Sahibah	60.	Mother in law - Widow
11.	Doulty	30.	Slave Girls.
12.	Allah Rakhay	22.	
13.	Anvaderin	17.	
14.	Burhawn	15.	Slave Boys.
15.	Phaiozir - -	10	

N.B. The Claimant has to Maintain the family of his Brother in Law the

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the late Abdul Russool Pensioned Command-ant at Trichinopoly - - - The family consists of Ten, one of which an only Son, is a Jemedar in the Company's Service.-

/Signed/ Rob.t Lang
Lieut.t Col.e

Resolution thereon.

Coming
Resolved, in the event of the death of Shaik Khodawaund, that One Half of the Pension now enjoyed by that Officer be granted to his Widow for her maintenance and for that of the Females of the Family.-

The Board proceed to read and pass orders on the following Proceedings of the Medical Board.-

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Resolutions of
the Governor in Council
Dated 29th Jany 1808.

Proceedings of the Medical Board - Submitting a Statement of Medical Stores furnished to the troops on the Mysore and Wurley with resolution -

Medical Board
25th January 1808.

The Medical Board had the honor to acknowledge, in their Proceedings of the 4th Instant, the letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, Dated the 2d Instant, - directing, that they would on application from the Marine Board, authorize the supply of such Medicines and Medical Stores, as should be required for His Majesty's 47th Regiment,

Ordered that the Account of Medical Stores furnished

and

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furnished for the use of His Majesty's 47th and 56th Regiments be transmitted to the Govern-ment at Bombay.-

and for a detachment of His Majesty's 56th Regt, under embarkation on board the Honble Company's ships Wexford & Warley-

And they have now the honor to submit, to the Honble the Governor in Council, the required Statement of the Articles supplied, in Triplicate, agreeably to former usage; in order that the value of them may be charged to the Account of the Government of Bom-bay.

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Bombay -

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson

Physician Genl.

" Terence Sahagan

M. D. & 2d Member M.B.

" Andw. Berry

3d. Member Med. Bd.

By Order of the Honble

the Governor in Council -

/Signed/ Geo. Strachey

Secy to Govt.

Minute thereon

Read the following

Letters from the Commanding Officer of

Cuddalore, from the Town Major of Fort

Saint George, and from the Officer Com-

manding in Malabar and Canara -

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Offic Com.g the Nor Town Cuddalore acquainting the Sick Hospital is Completed, on a reduced Scale; with

I have the honor to acquaint you

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with Statement of materials used.

you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that I received instructions in January last agreeably to the purport of the accompanying Letter to erect a Lock Hospital at New Town Cuddalore according to a Plan and Estimate (Amounting to Pags. 375) prepared and forwarded by me for the purpose, the whole of the Bricklayers then at Cuddalore being required and employed on the Cadet Barracks it was not practicable to procure Workmen and from the Monsoon following the Completion of the Barracks, it was not possible to finish the Lock Hospital until the present Time; the Building being now Completed and ready for the purposes intended Herewith beg leave to transmit a Plan and Bill for the Amount of the expence incurred. -

It may be necessary for

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me to acquaint you that I was Obliged
to make some alteration in the original
Scale proceeding from the following Cir-
-cumstance. The Original Plan and Es-
-timate was prepared by a Bricklayer
Maistry then employed in the Public
Barracks, who at the time professed
his willingness to Contract for the Building;
on the approval however of the Plan being
Communicated he then declared his inca-
-bility to Erect the hospital for the Stated
Estimate, and on further enquiry believed
it impracticable to Complete the Building
for Pagodas 375 to the extent of the ap-
-proved Scale; in Consequence a Reduction
in the Plan became necessary, but the
Original Plan with a trifling alteration
in the dimensions has been still preserved,
and the Building which has been com-
-pleted

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completed under my Superintendance, will (#) I must be deemed in every respect fitted for the purpose intended. The Chief Engineer who was a short time since at Cuddalore has seen and examined the Buildings: and to him I beg leave to refer, should any future information be required regarding it.-

New Town Cuddalore
23rd January 1808.

I have Sir
&c. &c.
(Signed) T. Pollock
Capt. Comg.

To the Officer Commanding
the New Town of
Cuddalore

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to ac-knowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 1st. Instant,

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Instant, and to furnish you with His Lord-
-ship's authority for erecting a Lock Hospital
at the expence which you have stated.-

2. I am further directed to
acquaint you that until that Building
shall have been constructed, His Lordship's
in Council has been pleased to authorize
the payment of the Monthly sum of
three Pagodas for the hire of a House
for the purposes of a Lock Hospital.-

3. The Civil Magistrate has
been furnished with instructions to afford
you such assistance as may be requisite
for ensuring the Confinement of all deceased
Women in the vicinity of Cuddalore.-

4. The proposed measure
of enclosing the Barracks destined
for the accommodation of the Cadets
has been approved by His Lordship
in

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in Council, and the necessary orders on that subject have been furnished to the Military Board.-

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7th January 1807.

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&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo. Strachey
Secy to Govt.

Particulars of the Lock Hospital at Cuddalore.-

Extent of Front - - - - Feet 104
Do. of Flanks - - - - - Feet 64

Ob well 9. Feet diameter.

Walls — Brick & mud foundation 4 F. deep & 3 feet thick;- Walls from the surface upwards 2. Feet Thick & from the surface 10. F. high all round.

One Footing per part of Wall all round Brick & Chunam - all Doors & Windows arched with Brick & Chunam - Walls out side and inside Chunamed Veranda Pillars Brick and Chunam -

Rooms.

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Floor { Rooms and Veranda.- Brick and Chunam with a layer of Chunam over all.-

Roof { Palmira and Palmira Reepers with Iron Rafter nails and Reeper nails.- no flat Tiles.-

Doors & Windows.- { Center door 6 Feet by 4 Country wood with Cross Battens with iron Bolts Hinges and fastnings.-
3 Smaller doors 6 Feet by 3 Country wood with Cross Battens. Iron Hinges, Bolts and fastnings.-
Palmira Frames.-
3. Windows 3½ Feet by 2½ Palmira Frames and Bars.- Country wood Shutters with Battens.- iron Bolts, hinges and fastnings.-

/Signed/ T. Pollock
Captain

Ordered that authority be

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be given for admitting the Charge incurred in building a Lock Hospital at Cuddalore, and that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be furnished for the information of the Military Board.

To the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Town Major of Fort St. George, Forwards bills from Mr. Eglan for accommodations of the Officers of the Royals.

I have the Honor to transmit to you, for the Consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council, three Bills, Amounting to Star Pagodas 57. 13. 4, due to Mr. Eglan, Master of the Exchange Coffee House, in the Fort, for the Accommodation and Entertainment of the Officers of the Detachment of the Royal, which arrived here from Penang, in the end of December

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December last.-

The Men were accom-
-modated with Barracks in the Fort;
but there were neither Quarters in
the Fort, nor a Tent in Store, to be
pitched for the Officers, at that time;
and they were accordingly requested
to go to the Exchange Coffee House;
and Mr. Eglan was directed to accom-
-modate and entertain them, for three
Days; in which Time Tents arrived from
Wallajahbad, and they encamped.-

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
25th Jany 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) R. Barclay
Town Major

Order thereon

Ordered that authority
be

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be given for the payment of the three Bills due to the Master of the Exchange Coffee House, submitted with the foregoing Letter.

To The Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding in Malabar & Canara. In Consequence of the enclosed letter from Mr. Macpherson, orders have been given to advance him 20 Pagodas.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant, accompanied by Papers relating to Mr. Macpherson.

In my letter to you of the 4th Instant, I acquainted you with Mr. Macpherson's earnest request to be allowed some Subsistence. On the 10th Instant I received the enclosed Letter No 1 and in Consequence deemed it absolutely necessary to direct

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the Military Paymaster to make him an advance of twenty Star Pagodas which I hope will answer his purpose, until I receive the finial Orders of Government on the Subject. I hope the Steps I have taken will meet the Approbation of the Honorable the Governor in Council.-

I shall have the honor of submitting a Statement of the treat-ment Mr. Macpherson has received as soon, as the different Reports can be collected.-

Head Quarters
at Coombla
18th January 1808-

I have the hono to be
Sir.
Your Most Obed. Servant
Signed J. Cuppage
Lieut. Col. Com.g
in Malabar Canara
Sir

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Sir,

Notwithstanding the two Letters I did myself the honor of addressing to you under Date the 1st and 3d of this Month, it once more becomes a painful part of my duty to call your attention to the momentous subject of these letters. — Momentous in the extreme, because the existence of a fellow Creature is at stake, — but more particularly so, that of one who has the most sacred and undoubted right to demand it. — A Man too, who has the Consolation to know that his present treatment is unmerited, and which he trusts will one day be evinced to the World, — A man

that

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that under any other Circumstances, would make his election of death, rather than acknowledge he was absolutely starving for want of bread.—

Cases may occur, in which concealment on this respect, would be highly criminal, and if ever there was a case of the Nature, mine is unfortunately one of them.—

I have only further to add, that upon Reconsideration, I find that any thing short of Sixty Pagodas would be unavailing, but should you not think proper to order me that Sum on Account of Subsistence for these Nine Months past, I earnestly entreat that you will

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will be pleased to give immediate orders to the Paymaster to issue to me whatever you may think proper, and for which I shall give my receipt accordingly.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) S. Macpherson
Quarter Master
His Majt. 88th. foot

Cananor
10th. January 1808.

Order thereon

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing Letter for his information and guidance; and that the Sum advanced to Mr. Macpherson be debited to the Account of the Government at Bombay, in Conformity with the former Resolution of the Board.-

Read the following Letters from the Military Board and from their Secretary.

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To the Honorable

Sir George H. Barlow Bart. K.B.

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

From the Military Board - Recommending payment of Bills and advances of Money.

Honorable Sir,

We beg to recommend payment of the following Bills and advances of Money Viz.t.-

No.1.... Bill of the superintending Engineer at the Presidency for fitting up the Buildings of the old Mint as store Rooms for His Majestys Regiments on this Establishment amounting to Pagodas 982.43.47.- whereof a Balance is due of Pagodas 685.25.67.-

No.2.... Bill of the superintendent of the Gun Powder Manufacture for four Bullocks purchased for the service of the Gun Powder Manufacture - amounting to Pagodas 32.- .-

An advance of Pagodas 70.- to the Engineer in the Ceded Districts, being one third of the cost of repairs required to the Hospital occupied by the sick of the 34th Regiment.

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at Bellary.—

An advance of Pagodas 212—" to to the Engineer in the Ceded Districts, being one third of the estimated Expense of Constructing a Guard Room over the Gateway of the Citadel of Bellary.—

An advance of Pagodas 121—" to the Engineer at Tritchinopoly, being one third for constructing two Sepoy Hospitals at Potoor.—

We have the honor to be

Honorable Sir,

your most Obedient

Humble Servants

/signed/ C. Trapaud

" Robt. Bell

J. Munro

T. Bruce

Milty. and Dr. General.

Ordered

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order thereon

Ordered that authority be given for the payment of the Bills and the advances of money recommended in the foregoing Letter.-

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Secry to the Military Board. with a return of Provision Stores shipped on the Hannah for the use of the Troops embarked on that Vessel.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a corrected Return (in duplicate) of Provision Stories, shipped on the Lovely Hannah for the use of 250 Europeans proceeding to Bombay, in lieu of those sent you on the 12th Instant.-

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant

(signed) J. Marshall

Secy and Accountant

Mily Board.

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Return of Provision Stores sent on Board the Ship Lovely Hannah for the use of 250 Europeans for 2 Months proceeding to Bombay Viz.t

		Garce	Measds	Seer
Rice	104 Bags and 1 Parcel measured	1	225	"
Pease	1 Cask Do.	"	125	6¾
Salt Beef Europe	26 Pieces Containing		8736	
Ditto Pork Do.	19 Do. Do.		6384	
Biscuit	64 Bags single & 37 Bags Double in all 101 Bags Weighing Neat	Candy	Mds	
Flour	6 Casks	22	10	"
Sugar	4 Do.	4	5	18
Mustard	1 Double Bag	3	4	7¼
Arrack	5 Leaguer and 1 Hogshead Gauged	"	7	3½
Vinegar	2 Hogsheads and 1 Keg Do.	gallon	Dram	
Ditto for Sprinkling the Decks	1 Do. Do.	750	"	
		133	28	
		115	"	
		12685	"	

		Billets
Water Casks	80 Leaguer Butts Containing	24000
Firewood		6000
		30000 Billets
Ditto		250 A
Mullies		

Fire places Complete				2	Ps.
Wax Candles	3 Boxes Weighing Neat		Cy	m. 14	Qt. 9 3/4
Copper Pots	4 Ps.	Do.	"	5	23
Copper Pumps				Ps. 2	
Half Gallon Pots Copper made				4	
Draw Cupts Tin made				8	
Steel yard				2	
Country scales				2	Pairs
Pound Weights				2	sets
Seers				Ps. 2	
Buckets				5	
Axes				2	
Horn Lanthorns				12	

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Fort St. George
Military Board office
27th January 1808.

/ Signed / J. Marshall
S. M. B.
Ordered.

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Ordered that the Return submit-
-ted with the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the
Secretary at Bombay.-

Read the following Letter from
the Marine Board.-

To the Honorable
Sir, George Hilaro Barlow Bart K.B.
Governor in Council at
Fort St. George

From the Marine Board - Submit Em-
barcation Returns of H.M. 47th & 56th Regiments, and Vouchers for different Ex-
pences attending their embarcation. Explain the advance of Public Money for the wives of Officers & request that the charge may be recommended to the Bombay Government - Enclose a List of Bills requiring sanction before they can be admitted into the accounts of different departments - Submit also an account of Money allowed to the Officers of the H.C. Ship Royal George while de-
-tained as Evidence before the Supreme Court - State that certain of those Officers left Madras without discharging their debts at the Tavern - Enclose the Bills to be forwarded to Bombay - Beg that the Governor in Council at Bombay may be requested to give early information to the Com-
-mercial Resident at Trangalore of their intention relative to the

Hon'ble Sir,

Para 1st. We have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's letter under-
date the 2d. Instant, containing for our guidance
the Instructions of your Honor in Council, relative
to the embarkation of His Majesty's 47th. Regiment,
and a detachment of His Majesty's 56th. Regiment
for the Presidency of Bombay, and in conformity
to your orders, We now beg leave to submit, correct
Embarkation returns, of the Regiments above men-
-tioned, on board of the Honorable Company's Ships

Warley.

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the employment of the Royal George.

Warley, Wexford, and private Ship Lovely Hannah.-

2 We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's letter of the 13th Instant, acquainting us that you have resolved that the claim for Passage Money on Account of the Officers of His Majesty's 47th and 56th Regiments, (recommended in our acting Secretary's letter of 11th Instant) should be left to the decision of the Government at Bombay, and stating that you were desirous of receiving with the least possible delay every documents connected with the embarkation of the Troops in question, in order that the Government at Bombay might be fully apprized of the arrangement previous to their arrival at that Presidency.-

3 We are sorry that by the delay occasioned in procuring the bills and documents from the different departments, We have been prevented from meeting the wishes of Government at an earlier period. We have the honor to forward herewith the necessary vouchers for transmission to.

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to Bombay agreeable to the annexed List.-

		Pag.	Fs.	Cs.
No 1	a bill from the Garrison Storekeeper	4,682	28	72
" 2	a bill from the Marine Storekeeper	112	23	60
" 3	a Receipt for the Table allowance for the Wives of the Officers on board of the Warley	138	15	—
" 4 & 5	2 Bill for shipping Provisions and water on board the Lovely Hannah	716	11	—
" 6	To Tarpaulin hire	"	42	"
" 7	a Receipt for the Table allowance for the Wives of the Officers on board of the Wexford	150	"	"
" 8	Ditto ..... Lovely Hannah	228	"	"
" 9 & 10	To Boat hire for transhipping the Troops	35	"	"
" 11	Abstract of all the bills which are to be paid by the Government at Bombay	1,571/15	1	13

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4 Amongst the papers above-mention-
-ed, you will observe the receipts of the Commanders
of the Warley Wexford and Lovely Hannah, for an
advance of six Weeks Table allowance for the Officers
Wives. We have to lament that we should have
made an advance of this nature without authority,
but upon a Consideration that our object, in
granting the indulgence / acknowledged on
similar occasions by this Government / was to
relieve the Officers from the heavy and unexpec-
-ted expences of a new voyage, as well as to
obviate any delay in the departure of the
Ships. We trust that you will be pleased to
transmit the receipts in question, to the Govern-
-ment of Bombay with a recommendation for
final adjustment.

5 We beg leave also to enclose a list
of those bills which require the sanction of
Government, previous to their being entered in the
books of the different departments at this Presidency.

We

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6 We take this opportunity of sub=
=mitting an account of the Money paid under the
sanction of Government to the Officers and Seamen
belonging to the Honorable Company's Ship Royal
George, who in Consequence of a subpœna from
the Supreme Court of Judicature had been
detained at Madras, and we request your authority
to admit the Amount being Pagodas three hundred
and Twenty (320) in the books of the Boat=
Department.—

7 We have heard with regret that
notwithstanding the liberal and ample allowance
made by Government to the 4 Officers mentioned
in the Margin of the Royal George, of four Rupees
per diem, until an opportunity offered of reju=
=ining that Ship, they have unhandsomely left
Madras without settling their accounts with the
Landlord of the Old London Tavern, Mr. Griffith.—

Mr. Rodd. 3d Officer
Mr. Beden-Mid. shipman.
Mr. Wells-Captain's Clerk.
Mr. Lynn a/s. Surgeon.

8 We beg leave therefore to enclose
the bills, of which Pag. 59 — Pt. 22 are still due to Mr.—

Griffith

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Griffith for their accommodation, and to recommend.
that they may be forwarded to the Government at
Bombay, with a request to call upon those Gentle=
=men for an adjustment.-

We think it necessary to observe
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that Mr. Griffith Complains of their having
retained the receipted bill, which he first sent.
to them, without discharging it in full.-

We have the honor to acknow=
10
=ledge the receipt of Mr. Acting Chief Secretary
Kebles letter of the 16th Instant, and beg leave.
to recommend that the Honorable the Governor
in Council at Bombay, may be requested
to give the earliest information to the acting
Commercial Resident at Mangalore of their
intentions, relative to the Royal George in
order that Mr. Reeves may take the necessary.

steps

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steps for procuring private Tonnage, should it be found impracticable to employ that ship upon the service in question.-

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We have the honor to be
Honorable Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant.

/signed/ I. H. Casamaijor
Geo: Westcott
M. Dick
C. Wynox

Embarkation

Embarkation Return of the 1st. Battalion 47th. Regiment under the Command of Lieut. Colonel J. B. Skerrett, Madras 9th. January 1808.

Ships Names	Lieut. Colo.	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns.	Staff	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank and File	Women	Children
Hereford	1	1	4	11	2	3	27	6	513	41	28
Lovely Hannah	"	1	"	5	1	2	5	5	241	2	5
Total	1	2	4	16	3	5	32	11	754	43	33

No 134 Officers Ladies and 4 Children included in the above.—

(signed) J. B. Skerrett
Lieut. Col. 47th. Regt.

A true Copy (signed) J. Gwatkin.
Acty Secy.

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Embarkation Return of the 2d Ballalion 56th Regiment Commanded by Lieutent Colonel Henry S. Keating - Madras 9th January 1808.-

Ships Names	Colonel	Lieut Colonel	Majors.	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns.	Paymaster	Adjutant	Qr Master	Surgeon	Mate Surgeons	Sergeants.	Corporals	Drummers	Privates.	Women	Children	Total
Warley	1	4	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	23	19	424	41	35	589

N.B. The Adjutants name is included in the Bill for 6 Weeks Table allowance, but that Gentleman landed sick, before the Warley left the Roads.—

Signed S. Gwatkin
Acting Secretary.

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Abstract of all the Bills which are to be paid by the Government of Bombay.

N1	A Bill from the Garrison Store Keeper	4,682	28	72
	Ditto from Marine Do.	112	23	60
2	Receipts for Table allowance for the wives of Officers on board the Honorable Companys ship Warley	138	15	"
495	Two Bills from Boat Paymaster for shipping Provisions &c. on board the Lovely — Hannah	76	11	"
6	One Do. from Do. for tarpauling hire	"	42	"
7	Receipt for Table allowance for the Wives of Officers on board the Honorable Companys ship Wexford	150	"	"
8	Do. Do. on board the Lovely Hannah	228	"	"
9&10	Two Bill for boat hire for transhipping the Troops	35	"	"
		5,423	30	32

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The following Bills already transmitted to Government under date the 11th. Instant -

11	Receipt for Charter party allowance advanced to Honorable Company's ship Warley for 3 Months ..	1500	"	"
12	ditto — ditto to Honorable Company's S. Wexford	1,500	"	"
13	Receipt for table allowance for Officers on board the Honorable Company's ship Warley ..	1,523	3	7/40
14	ditto do. ship Wexford ...	1642	30	"
15	ditto do. do. Lovely Hannah	671	15	"
16	Bills from the agents for Victualling H. M. Navy in India for provisions supplied to H. C. ship Warley	1,862	3	44
17	ditto .... do. .... do. .. Wexford . .	1316	14	7
18	ditto .... do. .... do. to do do. .	275	5	30
		10,291	15	41
		15,715	1	13

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(signed) J. Gwatkin.
Acg Secy.

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List of Bills which require the sanction of Government for being discharged and admitted in the Books of the Different Departments at this Presidency —

№ 1	Bill from Marine Store-keeper for stores supplied to the Honorable Company's ship Warley on account of the Owners	14 24 "	
2	ditto ditto	44 30 "	
3	ditto ditto	97 26 60	
4	ditto ditto to the ship Wexford on account of the Owners	527 12 30.	1083 13 10
5	Bill from the Boat Paymaster for Catlamaram hire for shipping an anchor on board the Warley on account of the Owners.	10 " "	
6	ditto ditto on board the Wexford on Account of the Owners	10 " "	20 " "

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and Warley.-

2d. It having been found impractica-
-ble to accommodate all those Troops on the Two
Indiamen, the Ship Lovely Hannah was freight
-ed by the Marine Board for the purpose of con-
-veying a proportion of them. I have the honor to
enclose a Copy of the Charter Party of the Han-
-nah, with a copy of the Letter from the Marine
Board reporting the Circumstances, under which
they found it necessary to engage that Vessel.-

3d. I am directed to acquaint you for
the information of the Honorable the Governor
in Council at Bombay that the Wexford the
Warley and the Hannah, having on board the
Troops mentioned in the Embarkation Returns
which accompany this Letter, sailed from Fort
Saint George for Bombay on the 12th Instant
under convoy of His Majesty's Ship Belliqueux,
which will proceed with them to Point de
Galle. I have the honor to enclose copies of the

sailing

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Sailing orders furnished to the Commanders of the Indiamen and to the Master of the Transport, and and further instructed to state that Captain Byng of His Majesty's Ship Belliqueux had endeavoured by a communication with the Senior Naval Officer at Bombay to provide for the safety of the Three Ships during their passage along the Western Coast.

4. I am directed to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay the enclosed Copy of correspondence with the Marine Board at this Presidency regarding the embarcation of the Two Regiments, and the expences incurred on that Account which are chargeable to the Government of Bombay.

5th In advance of Table Money having been paid to the Commanders of the Three Ships on Account of the Officers of His

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and Warley.-

2d. It having been found impracticable to accommodate all those Troops on the Two Indiamen, the Ship Lovely Hannah was freighted by the Marine Board for the purpose of conveying a proportion of them. I have the honor to enclose a Copy of the Charter Party of the Hannah, with a copy of the Letter from the Marine Board reporting the Circumstances, under which they found it necessary to engage that Vessel.-

3d. I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay that the Wexford the Warley and the Hannah, having on board the Troops mentioned in the Embarkation Returns which accompany this Letter, sailed from Fort Saint George for Bombay on the 12th Instant under convoy of His Majesty's Ship Belligueux, which will proceed with them to Point de Galle. I have the honor to enclose copies of the

sailing

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Fort St. George 29th January 1818.

Sailing orders furnished to the Commanders of the Indiamen and to the Master of the Transport, and and further instructed to state that Captain Byng of His Majesty's Ship Belliqueux had endeavoured by a communication with the Senior Naval Officer at Bombay to provide for the safety of the Three Ships during their passage along the Western coast.—

4. I am directed to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay the enclosed Copy of correspondence with the Marine Board at this Presidency regarding the embarcation of the Two Regiments, and the expences incurred on that Account which are chargeable to the Government of Bombay.—

5th An Advance of Table Money having been paid to the Commanders of the Three Ships on Account of the Officers of His

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His Majesty's 47th and 56th Regiments, with reference to a Regulation recently established at this Presidency, it is deemed proper that the Governor in Council at Bombay should be apprized of the nature of that Regulation, and I am accordingly directed to transmit to you a Copy of it.—

6. With respect to the Table Money which has been advanced on account of the Wives of certain of those Officers, I am directed to request that you will bring to the Notice of the Governor in Council at Bombay the particular Recommendation, which the Marine Board has submitted on that subject.—

7. I have the honor to enclose Returns of Articles supplied from the Military and Medical Departments for the use of the Two Regiments, and to acquaint you that the value of those Articles will be debited to the Account of the Bombay Presidency.—

I am

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8th I am directed to take this Opportunity of requesting that you will submit to the Governor in Council at Bombay the enclosed Copies of a Letter from the Surgeon of the Honorable Company's Ship Warley, and of the reply furnished to that Gentleman.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ George Strachey
Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George
30th January 1808.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

To The Honorable
Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart. G.C.B.
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

1st. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's Letter

From the Military Auditor General - States that the claims of the Assistant Surgeons at the Naval Hospital to the Honorable Company's allowance

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allowance is new, and therefore not admissible - that it is unnecessary to incur additional expence in paying the Pensioners at Madura - suggests that the Vakeels of Native Corps may be discontinued. -

Letter of the 13th Instant. and in Obedience to the Instructions therein Contained, I have to report that Batta has not been an Allowance hitherto drawn for an Assistant Surgeon at the Naval Hospital from the Honorable Company, and it appears to be a new Appointment in the person of Mr. Bell, the Charge will accordingly be considered inadmissible in the Military Disbursements. -

2. In Obedience to the Orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council under date the 12th Instant, transmitted with Mr. Secretary Stracheys letter of the 13th Referring for my Consideration & Report, the Representation from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army, respecting the Necessity of incurring a Charge for payment of the Pensioners at Madura - I have the honor to observe that the Allowances already authorized for the Writer and Stationary at Madura, were granted partly for that purpose and there appears no necessity for increasing the present allowance

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Allowance on Account of paying Pensioners at that Station as it may be done by the person receiving that allowance.

3d. As connected with the foregoing subject, I beg leave to state for the Information of your Honorable Board, that I have heard it at various times mentioned by Officers attached to Native Battalions, that after the G. O. of the 24th March 1797 which Regulated the mode of paying the Troops of Native Corps by directing Officers in Charge of Companies to Receive and issue the Pay to the Men under their Charge, and by appointing Native Officers with a certain allowance to assist them in that duty, in consequence of which the appointment of a Vakeel to each Native Battalion was rendered useless and unnecessary. - it may be added also that a person of that description being attached to Native Corps is probably more an Injury than an Advantage, because it is well known that

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that from a Command of a little Money they are in the habits of lending it to the Sepoys at exorbitant Interest to the encouragement of vice and dissipation. That description of people are likewise inclined to enter into Intrigues Re-garding the promotion of Native Officers. May I therefore be permitted to suggest to your Honorable Board that the Vakeels or Native Writers attached to the Eight Regiments of Native Cavalry and to the 46 Battalions of Native Infantry under this Presidency be discontinued from the 1st day of February next and that it may be published in General Orders with all convenient dispatch in Order to effect the Reduction from that Date.

4. The Monthly allowance to a Vakeel being 6 Pagodas, if your Honorable Board shall be pleased to adopt this Suggesti-

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suggestion it will produce a Monthly Saving of Pagodas 32½ and Annually of Pags. 3888 besides their Batta at the rate of four Pagodas a Month when in the Field.-

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I have the honor to be
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(Signed) P. Bruce
M.y Aud.r Gen.l

To The Honorable
Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart.t & K.B.
Governor in Council
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Honorable Sir

From the Military auditor General - Reports on the Balances outstanding in the Military Books.-

I have the honor to lay before you the Annual Report upon the Balances in the Military Department as they stood upon the 30th. April 1807, shewing how they have varied from those standing in the Military Books at the close of the preced-ing Official Year.- The

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The Amount of Balances outstanding on the 30th April 1806 as per Statement which accompanied the late Military Auditor General's Report under date the 29th January 1807 was Pagodas 79,15,318.29.44. whereas the Statement Marked No. 1 of Balances on the 30th April 1807 which I have the honor of submitting with the present Report does not exceed Pagodas 58,86,208.26.48. making a Reduction of those Balances in the Course of the Year 1806/7 of Pagodas 20,29,110.2.76. and which has been effected as particularly detailed in Statement No. 2. — and in further elucidation I shall now compare the component parts of the two Statements of the two Official Years 1805/6 and 1806/7 in order to shew how the difference between them has arisen and for the sake of perspicuity will follow

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Sollow the order in which the Statement I have now the honor of laying before you is drawn out.-

The Amount of Quick and Dead Stock, or The Honorable Company's property in Ordnance and Provision Stores, in Elephants, Camels, Horses, and Horse Accoutrements with the Body Guard, the Regiments of Cavalry and Horse Artillery; in Draught & Carriage Bullocks, together with the Stud at Ichapore, was stated in the last Report, at Pagodas 37,07,706.40-24. On the 30th April 1807 the same property is estimated in the Military Books at Pagodas 35,29,926.24.10. Vide B in the Accompanying Statement. Thus it appears that there has been a diminution of the Honorable Company's property in the Year 1806/7 of Pagodas 1,77,780.15.34, but on this Subject they have to observe that

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that this Reduction has taken place principally in the Store Departments, Departments at all times of considerable expenditure, but must have been particularly so in the Course of the last Official Year in the Provision Department, owing to the difference of the price at which Government purchased grain, and that at which it was issued to the Troops & others attached to the Military Establishments. And here I beg leave to observe, whether it would not be more consistent with a Regularity of Accounts that a Head should be opened in the Military Books, in which the Honorable Company's property of Quick and Dead Stock, as above particularized might be entered, to distinguish it from Cash in hand, or un-adjusted Balances of Paymasters and other Sub Accountants, which if adopted this Property would of Course no longer be termed and appear as a

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Balance Against the Military Paymaster General.

a Circumstance which has Contributed to the entertaining of fallacious Ideas upon this Subject, both in Europe and in India. -

The next Item in the Statement, is Pagodas 10,3912.10.70. marked C, composed of Balances which arose in the Books of the Military Paymaster General previous to the 1st May 1792, when the present System of paying the Army and Auditing its Accounts was adopted. It does not vary in the smallest degree from the Sum stated in the Military Auditor Generals Report Dated 6th October 1804 and subsequent Reports, nor will it probably vary as none of the persons against whom these Balances stand, are now in India, so that, no Explanation or Perusal can here be obtained. - There are some of the Individuals in Europe from

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from whom the Honorable the Court of Directors may Recover some of those Balan=-ces if not explained to their Satisfaction, and it may perhaps be deemed proper that this part of the Statement be wrote off to the Head of "Account Current London" where only any part of it can now be Recovered.-

The next Sum in the Statement is Pagodas 10,54,241.. 8.. 34. Marked D. a Sum which has arisen in the Books of the Military Depart=-ment Subsequent to May 1792. against Subordinate Paymasters, Agents, Con=-tractors and others to whom Government had at different times ordered Advances to be made on Account of the public Service, Many of whom are Still in India

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India, a few are Returned to Europe,
but none of whom are at present employ=
-ed in the Pay Department. — If this part
of the Statement is compared with its
Counterpart in the last Annual Report,
which Amounted to Pagodas 15,17,274:32.30.
it will be found to have been reduced
near one third in the course of the last
Official Year and has been adjusted
as particularly detailed in the Statement
No 2 — and I have the pleasure to add
that I am hopeful the united exertions
of the Office of Audit and those of the
Military Paymaster General, will
be successful in reducing this Balance
Considerably before the close of the Current
Official Year. —

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I now come to that part of the Statement which must ever fluctuate, that is, must annually increase or diminish in the same proportion with the Military Expenditure. This Sum Marked E. and stated at Pagodas 11,98,128.. 24.. 34. is the Amount of the different Balances in the hands of those Sub Accountants in the Military Department on the 30th. April 1807 who were in Office on that Day. In the last Report the Sum stated to be in the hands of the Paymasters and other Sub Accountants in the Military Department who were in Office on the 30th. April 1806 was Pagodas 25,86,424.. 30.. so that this part of the Balances had been Reduced above one half, and I hope this Circumstance will evince the Zealous attention

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attention to the publick Interest with which the Disbursements of the Year have been audited in this Office—

On a Recapitulation of this subject in its four grand divisions Viz.

1st. Balance of Dead and Quick Stock—

2d. Balances which appear in the Books prior to May 1792 when the present System of paying the Army—And Auditing its Accounts was adopted.—

3rd. Balances Subsequent to May 1792 against Individuals not in Office.—

4th. Balances Subsequent to May 1792. against Individuals in Office, the following are the Results arising therefrom.—

That

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That the first division has been Reduced in the Sum of Pagodas - - - - - - 177780-15-34.

That the 2nd. Division has remained the same since the Report of the 6th. October 1804, and must Remain so unless Government orders it to be wrote off.—

That the 3d. Division has been Reduced in the Sum of Pagodas - 463033:23:76.

That the 4th. Division has been Reduced in the Sum of Pagodas - - - - - - - - - 13829 6:5:46.

Total of Reduction 202911:2:76

In concluding this Report the Materials of its compilation being extracted from Multifarious Accounts, Many of which are intricate, comprising the whole Military

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Military Disbursements of this Presidency for one Year; the industry exhibited in this and on the General Pay Office will be apparent to your Honorable Board in having produced so happy an effect— And I respectfully request that your Honor in Council will be pleased to Order a Copy of this Report to be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors as has been usual.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect Honble Sir, Your most Obedient Humble Servant.

/Signed/ P: Bruce

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Statement

Statement of the Balances standing upon the Books of the Military Paymaster General on the 30th April 1807

Amount of Balances under the head of Quick Stock.

Horse and Horse Accoutrements	7,01,970	
Elephants, Camels, and Bullocks	93,004 24. -	
The Honorable Company's Stud	68,834. 34. 60.	
	8,63,809. 16. 60.	A

Amount of the Balance under the head of Dead Stock.

Military Board	2,66,117. 8. 10.	B
	33,29,926. 24. 70.	

The following Balances appear on the Books of this Presidency previous to the 1st May 1792 and stand against different Individuals, most of whom are now either dead, or out of the Service, so that no part thereof appears Recoverable in India, and the eight Heads marked * were transferred in April 1793 from the Books of the Superintendant of the Nabob's Accounts, and Committee of Works,

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as per Letters of the Accountant General Dated 6th July 1790.
and 20th June 1792.

Mr. Colvie formerly Paymaster at Vellore	5,636. 36. 77.
Mr. Willis formerly Paymaster at Guntoor	64. 31. 40.
Mr. Crau formerly Paymaster at Nagore	7942. 7. 14.
Mr. Latham formerly Paymaster at Madura	1014. 25. 73.
Mr. Lind formerly Paymaster at Nellore	525. 4. -
Mr. Floyer formerly Paymaster at Samalcottah	320. 3. -
Mr. Benfield formerly Paymaster at Pennacoil	440. 17. 40.
Mr. Gardiner formerly Paymaster to the North: Army	1345. 14. 70.
Carried forward	21259. 14. 74. 35299. 26. 24. 70.

	Brought forward	21,259	14	7¼	3,529926	24 70
Mr Digby formerly Paymaster to the Southern Army		6798	31	7½		
Mr Lippiesly do do at Tanjore		2423	22	4¾		
Mr Gardener do do at Ongole		512	33	7¼		
Mr Palk do do at Trichinopoly		9,900	24	7½		
Mr Burke do Paymaster General to the Kings Troops		2,351	1	2½		
Mr Tanner do do to the Center Army		2443	18	3¼		
Lieutenant Wheeler ditto Commanding the Light Infantry		9462	28	7½		
Ensign McKenzie ditto Commanding at Nellore		24	37	¼		
Mr Benfield ditto Contractor for buildings		62	7	1½		
Mr Stowey		20962	21	4¾		
Nellanah and Ravanapah		29	20	4¼		
Mr Sulivan		321	5	2½		
Mr Call		237	3	6¼		
Mr Ince Committee of Works		884	18	4¼		
Mr Light formerly Paymaster at Pallamcottah		4919	23	4¾		
Lieutenant Kilpelbuck formerly Commanding at Nellore		158	9	2¼	103,912	10 70

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The following Balances have arisen in the Books subsequent to May 1792. and stand against Persons to whom Govt. had authorised advances of Cash for the Public Service.—

Captain Fotheringham Engineer	2669.	29.	6½.
Captain P. Walker Agent for purchasing Horses	24451.	7.	22.
Captain W. G. Waugh late Paymaster at Amboyna	259.	19.	10.
Captain Gro. Neale late General Agent for Cavalry Supplies	313.	2.	8.
Mr. W. Hawkins late Paymaster at Trichinopoly	27693	12.	12.
Lieutenant Bradley Engineer	10162.	19.	45.
Major J. Macleane Agent for the Supply of Military Stores	1852.	31.	8.
Major George Hutchinson late Paymaster at Cuttack	637.	33.	43.
Lieutenant Ross Acting Paymaster at Banda	218.	41.	—
Chinna Neeralaby Contractor for Cloathing the Army for the Year 1802/3.	73909.	11.	60.
Major F. Pierce Deputy Adjutant General of the Army	163646	9.	56.
Lieutenant Russell Superintendent of Works at Hussain Saugur	30806.	24.	11.
Ensign Blackstone Engineer	7542.	41.	21.
Captain McRae Contractor for Elephants	4976	8.	6.
Mr. J. Dick Acting Paymaster to the 80th Regiment	1523.	32.	48.
Major T. Dallas late Principal Agt. for D. C. Bullocks to Army	97115.	16.	53.
Major R. Cook late Paymaster in Malabar	1295.	13.	19.
Carried forward —	459054	17.	9. 3633338. 35. 60.

	Brought forward	459054.	17.	9.	3633838.	35. 60.
Colonel G. T. Hart Deputy Paymaster General to Kings Troops		3530.	9.	11.		
Mr. I. Macdowall late Paymaster at Columbo		4999.	33.	49.		
Mr. P. Burlton - - ditto - - - in the Barramahal		968.	25.	3.		
Captain W. Farquhar do. - - - at Malacca		153.	13.	33.		
Captain T. Meulk - - ditto - - at Amboyna		4365.	28.	60.		
Mr. T. Cooper - - - - ditto - - at Tschapoor		4511.	7.	24.		
Lieutenant M. Cosby late Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks to the Detach.t under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Read		580	21.	15.		
Mr. R. Dashwood late Paymaster at Cuddalore		480.	10.	16.		
Mr. W. Gregory - - - ditto - - - at Vizagapatam		1339.	9.	66.		
Captain W. Mathews - ditto - - at Amboyna		47063.	1.	25.		
Mr. I. Byng - - - - - ditto - - at Malacca		8081.	4.	35.		
Major General Trent		2934.	8.	29.		
Major A. Robertson Agent for D. & C. B. to the Army under the Command of the Honorable Major General Wellesley		47453.	30.	70.		
Lieutenant Gill Paymaster at Ternate		2791.	28.	4.		
Captain T. H. Gifford		157.	26.	39.		
Lieutenant Robertson		77.	17.	75.		
Lieutenant Cotgrave Engineer		3425.	31.	14.		

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Captain T. Read agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks		515. 35. 2.	
Mr. T. Parry		3,000 . .	
Major Nuthall Commanding 6th Regiment Native Cavalry		300 . .	
Lieutenant E. Sober		43. . .	
Major T. Boles Assistant Adjutant General		10,000 . .	
Captain H. Evans advanced for building the Stud		11,000 . .	
Captain H. Evans		10323. 32. 56.	
Captain J. G. Bellingham late Paymaster to the Army under the Command of the Honorable Major General Wellesley		116787. 3. 52.	
Major W. Dowse late Paymaster to the Detachment Serving with His Highness the Nizam		5630. 2. 59.	
Mr. W. H. Gordon late Paymaster at Seringapatam		20,160 30. 12.	
Mr. W. Richardson ditto	at Tellicherry	19,179. 15. 8	
Captain W. Shaw ditto	to the Army	11,655. 11. 60.	
Mr. H. Lord ditto	at Amboyna	3118. 11. 33.	
Major J. H. Symons Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks		26,730. 30. 1.	
Mr. J. W. Thursby late Paymaster at Madura		12,960. 40. 51.	
Captain S. Kingston - ditto	at Trincomallee	331. 13. 51.	
Mr. H. Wilson Paymaster at Sucacole		872. 21. 55.	
Carried forward - - -		10,24,556. 28. 57.	36,33,838. 35. 60.

	Brought forward	10,24,556.	28.	57.	36,33,838.	35. 60.
Mr. T. A. Savage Paymatter in the Ceded Districts		13738.	3.	28.		
Captain T. Baynes late General Agent for Cavalry Supplies		15946.	18.	29.	D 1054241.	8. 34.
The following Balances stand against In-						
-dividuals who were in Office on the 30th April 1807						
Mr. J. Greenhill Paymaster at the Presidency		2,12,160.	3.	69.		
Mr. F. Reeves Paymaster in Kanara		13911.	31.	41.		
Mr. A. Douglas Ditto at Tellicherry		26240	3.	6.		
Mr. T. Young Ditto at Closs		42127.	21.	23.		
Major J. Campbell Deputy Paymaster general to Kings Troops		1,09,013.	28.	29.		
Mr. J. Smith Paymaster at Seringapatam		71618.	16.	3.		
Lieutenant T. M. Hall Paymaster to the Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam		89894.	7.	73.		
Major J. Campbell Paymaster of Company's allowances to the Kings Troops		62347.	19.	39.		
Mr. H. Taylor Paymaster at Chicacole		30490	12.	26.		

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Mr. Mainwaring Paymaster at Madura	23092.	.	21
Mr. C. Witherell Ditto at Trichinopoly	82,836.	22.	44.
Mr. C. B. Dent Ditto at Vellore	24361.	38.	20.
Mr. F. A. Robison Ditto in the Ceded Districts	27324.	28.	27.
Captain T. Young Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks	3103.	16.	73
Captain Munt General Agent for Cavalry Supplies	66,524.	26.	18.
Mr. J. Kenworthy Garrison Storekeeper	72663.	13.	7.
Lieutenant Fraser Superintending Engineer	1,35,397.	40.	23.
Captain Thompson Agent for the supply of Military Stores	16,388.	40.	19.
Captain H. Evans Advanced for Grass for the Stud	6424.	4.	32.
Captain H. Evans Superintendent of the Honorable Company's Stud	32,155.	11.	65.
Lieutenant T. R. Brown Paymaster at Malacca	45220.	1.	6.
Lieutenant Hutzleben Paymaster to the Escort proceeding to Bengal	4832.	15.	7.
	E 11,98128.	24.	34.
Pagodas	5886208.	26.	48.

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(Signed) P. Bruce
Military Auditor General.

Explanation

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Explanation of the difference between the Balances Outstanding upon the Books of the Military Paymaster General between 30th April 1806 and 30th April 1807.

Amount Admitted by the Military Auditor General upon Audits and Reaudits on the Disbursements of the following Paymasters in the Year 1806/7.

Mr. P. Roebuck late Paymaster of Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops	7248.	4	33.
Mr. T. B. Hurdis late Paymaster in the Barramhal	165.	2	4
Mr. C. Maxtone late Paymaster at the Presidency	446	39	30
Captain T. Reid late Paymaster to the Army	31.	15.	60.
Captain Thompson late Paymaster at Cuttack	408.	32.	60
Major G. Hutchison late Paymaster at Cuttack	28.	7.	4

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Mr J. Wm. Thursby late Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks	6842	23	76
Mr. William Mainwaring late Paymaster at Tuchinopoly	9394	19	55
Mr J. S. Smith, late Paymaster at Vellore	6734	35	1
Major M. Berresford late Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops	283	35	-
Mr. T. A. Savage late Paymaster in the Ceded Districts	3235	3	26
Mr. J. Reeve Paymaster in Kanara	5352	27	32
Major William Dowse late Paymaster to Nizam's Detachmt.	42,698	14	63
Mr. H. Wilson, late Paymaster at Chicacole	9817	41	1
Lieutenant J. M. Hall, late Paymaster to Nizam's Detachmt.	63,885	18	7
Major J. Campbell Paymaster of Company's Allowances to the King's Troops	43117	16	13
Mr. S. Young Paymaster at Ellore	19,263	32	54
Captain F. Meulh, late Paymaster at Amboyna	4927	6	66
The Honorable L. G. K. Murray, late Paymaster at Chicacole	112	38	44
Carried Over	2,85,273	29	55

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Brought Over	285,273.	29.	55.
Mr. W. Hawkins, late Paymaster at Trichinopoly	7,008.	19.	34.
Mr. C. Wetherell, Paymaster at Madura	2,226.	39	54.
Mr. J. Smith, Paymaster at Seringapatam	8,568.	23.	56.
Mr. J. Greenhill, Paymaster at the Presidency	20,811	1.	72.
Mr. A. Douglas, Paymaster at Tellicherry	4627.	17.	70.
Mr. J. Byng, late Paymaster at Malacca	1581.	14.	5.
Mr. W. Richardson, late Paymaster at Tellicherry	8516.	10.	47.
Lieutenant Colonel G. V. Hart, late Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops	461.	13.	56.
Major J. Campbell, Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops	7,308.	29.	62.
Mr. J. P. Burlton, late Paymaster in the Barramhal	714.	23.	42.
Captain T. Baynes, late General Agent for cavalry supplies	36,966.	19.	49.
Captain J. G. Bellingham, late Paymaster to the Army	22,512.	13.	41.
Mr. H. Lord, late Paymaster at Amboyna	32.	3.	50.

Lieutenant T. M. Hall, Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks	3774. 28. -		
Mr. H. Vaughan late Paymaster at Madura	1019. 21. 1.		
Mr. W. H. Gordon, late Paymaster at Seringapatam	9418. 25. 10.		
Lieutenant Colonel T. Dallas, late Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks	62,616. 37. 6.		
	48046. 14. 60.	109,925. 9. 58.	
Mr. R. Dennison Contractor for Army Clothing Amount wrote off by Order of Government &c.			
Mr. Pearce, late Paymaster at Tanjore - by Order of Government, Dated 4th March 1807	2291. 36. 39.		
Ensign Mears, late Paymaster at Banda - by Order of Government, Dated 4th March 1807	307. 17. 13.		
Mr. Wrangham, late President at Tanjore - by Order of Accountant General, Dated 17th April 1807	1000. . .		
Mr. T. Thesspard Assistant Surgeon - by Order of Government, Dated 3d October 1798	414. 28. .		
Carried Over - - -	4013. 39. 52.	109,925. 9. 58.	

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Brought Over	4013.	39.	52.	10,93,985. 9. 58.
Mr. R. Dennison Contractor for Army Clothing by Order of Accountant General, Dated 17th March 1807. - - - - -	29.00	12.	11.	
Lieutenant Colonel Dovelon - by Order of the Accountant General Dated 3d Feby 1807.	500.	.	.	
Mr. R. Malcolm, late Paymaster at Masulipatam by Order of Government, Dated 22d April 1807	91.	2.	48.	
Mr. Uhthoff, late Envoy at Goa as per Letter from the Accountant General Dated 7th Jany 1807.	1,968.	20.	15.	
Colonel D. Burr. - as per Letter to the Chief Secretary to the Government Dated 12th November 1806. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	292.	18.	64.	
Mr. B. Roebuck, Paymaster of Company's allowances to the King's Troops, on Account of Swiss Regiment of De Meuron - as per Order of the Accountant General Dated 18. September 1807. - -	11902.	.	48.	
Mr. A. Cunningham, late Paymaster at Amboina by Order of Government, Dated 4. March 1807 - - - - - - -	2372.	30.	72.	

Mr. W. Mainwaring, Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

One Bill twice Credited to General Books in April 1806, and now debited to General Book's as per Accountant General's Statement for April 1806 ---- 8000 " "

Mr. F. Reva, Paymaster in Kanara

by Order of the Accountant General, Dated 18th August 1807 --- 26536 - 41 - 63.

Amount wrote off to Military Board, Provision Departt. twice Credited - - 4968: 33 - 30. 31505. 33. 13.

Major W. Dowse, late Paymaster to Nizam's Detachment

by Order of Government, Dated 25th February 1807. Pagodas 2488 - 36 - 34.

Amount debited to Captured Property at Berhampore and Captured Property by the Subsidiary Force at Hyderabad, being Amount Credited to the former in the Year 1803/4 Journal Page 771 & to the latter in the year 1804/5. Journal Page 764 - - -

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Brought Over ---- 1,81,675. 37. 5. 10,93,985. 9. 58.

Lieutenant J. G. Bellingham, late Paymaster to the Army
by Order of the Accountant General, dated 17th December
1806 ---------- 47,499-18-38

as per Account of Advance in October 1806 ---- 9135- -20-77.

Amount debited to Bombay Presidency as per his
Account Current and his Letter to the
Military Paymaster General at Bombay
dated 13th November 1805 ---------- 11596-20-31. 68231. 17. 69.

Family Payments made by different Paymasters which have been
wrote off by Order of Government, dated 29th October 1806 ---- 76,188. 36. 59.

Captain W. Mathews, late Paymaster at Amboina by Order
from the Military Board dated 1st September 1807: 4854: 20.2.

Amount of his Accounts passed ---------- 1084-7-10 89388. 27. 42. 4,15,484. 35. 15.

Amount of Cash refunded by the following Officers and Paymasters

Major Floyer Commanding 4th Regiment Native Cavalry
paid into the Treasury in February 1807 ---------- 150. . .

Lieutenant Jellespie Commanding 4th Regiment Native Cavalry

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paid into the Treasury in March 1807	130.	
Mr. G Thompson late Paymaster at Nagore		
paid into the Treasury in August 1806.	1252. 12. 56.	
Mr. J. H. Skardon late Paymaster at Vellore		
paid into the Treasury in February 1807	882. 34. 1.	
Mr. J. B. Hurdis late Paymaster in the Berramhal		
paid into the Treasury in November 1806.	193. 37. 77.	
Major J. Innes late Paymaster at Bangalore		
paid into the Treasury in February 1807.	5727. 37. 26.	
Mr. C. Mattone late Paymaster at the Presidency		
paid into the Treasury in May 1806	5062. 34. 63.	
Captain Thompson late Paymaster at Cuttack		
paid into the Treasury in January 1807.	87. 4. 12.	
Major W. Dowse late Paymaster to Nizam's Detachment		
paid into the Treasury in March 1807	3421. 32. 70.	16908. 25. 65.
Carried Over		15,26,378. 28. 58

Brought Over ——— 15,26,378 28 58

Amount of Bills passed by the Military Auditor General to the Credit of the following Persons –

Major A. Strachan	3659	18	77
Captain Fotheringham Engineers	276	9	70
Captain Beaumont Commissary of Stores	6250	"	"
Lieutenant G. Brady Engineers	836	18	35
Major J. Orr Commanding 5th Regiment Native Cavalry	1500	"	"
Major C. Maclean Agent for Supplies of Military Stores	10,145	31	26
Ensign Blackston Engineers	611	31	70
Lieutenant Colgrave Engineers	292	37	19
Lieutenant Fraser Engineers	59,973	6	72
Mr. J. Colins Deputy Commercial President	900	"	"
	1,80,945	28	49

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Amount of Difference of the Value of Military Stores Provi-
-sions Horses, Camels, Elephants, Bullocks, and Sheep between
30th April 1806, and 30th April 1807 ---------- 177,780. 15. 34

Amount Disbursed by the Paymasters and other Accountants
on the Establishments between the 30th April 1806, and 30th
April 1807, above the Advances made to them in the course
of the Year, and paid out of the Balances in their hands on
the 30th April 1806 ---------- 144,005. 14. 15.

Pagodas 20,29,110 2. 76.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St George 23d January 1808.

(Signed) P. Bruce
M.G. and Gen.l

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To The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart. & K.B.

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir

From the Military Auditor General Reports on the Retrenchments outstanding against Captain Shaw, and on that Officer's application for the Continuance of his Establishment beyond the period for which it was allowed to him.

On Receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's Letter of the 13th Ultimo directing me to report upon a Representation submitted to the Honorable the Governor in Council thro' the Medium of the Military Paymaster General by Captain Shaw late Acting Paymaster to the Army in the Field under General Stuart, I addressed a Letter to the Military Paymaster General requesting him to furnish me with an Account of the Retrenchments against that Officer, the Sums refunded by him and also of the Sums that were outstanding against him; as the adjustment of these Sums belong to his Department

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Department,- for the purpose of enabling me to report fully upon the case to your Honorable Board. Upon the 12th Instant I Received the Statement of which the accompanying is a Copy, but as it did not shew what Sums were Refunded by the late Acting Paymaster Upon the same day, I Requested, by Letter, the Military Paymaster General to furnish the Statement I had before required, & which I received upon the 21st Instant a Copy of which is herewith enclosed - And I have the honor to Report that the Amount of Sums Retrenched and of Sums admitted on Readit in the Statement, Correspond with the Records of this Department, & having examined the Accounts Current of the late Acting Paymaster it appears that due Credit has been given for the Sum of Pagodas 56,679: 8: 28 stated by the Military Paymaster General to have been refunded. -

No. 1.

No. 2.

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Refunded.-

I have now to advert to the different Sums in that Statement outstanding in the Books of the Military Paymaster General by which I am of course guided in this Report.

First A Sum of 50 Pagodas, Charged under the head of Military Board Provision Department, being the difference arising between the Amount of Invoices and the Draft received from Lieutenant Colonel Symons, for which no Voucher is stated to have been produced - for which Sum therefore the late Acting Paymaster cannot get Credit until a proper Voucher is produced -

Second. Is an Item Composed of three Sums Amounting to Pagodas 459: 26. 62. the Vouchers for which are reported to have been lost - and as it appears that the Officers who granted those Vouchers are not now in India they leave to Recommend (the Charges being regular,)

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regular) that the late Paymaster be called on to
give his Affidavit to the actual Disbursement,
upon which your Honorable Board may be
pleased to authorise the same to be passed. The
sum however of Pagodas 101:172:22: a payment to
Lieutenant Boyle of the 19th Dragoons re-
-quires some explanation and which I have required
accordingly.-

Third A Sum of Pagodas 1800 which
it appears as Reported in Captain Shaw's address
had been twice advanced to Captain Macleod Pay:
-master to His Majesty's 74th Regiment once in the
Month of May 1803 by the Deputy Paymaster
General King's Troops and again by the Paymas:
-ter of General Wellesley's Detachment - as this
is evidently a double Payment it ought in
my opinion to have been recovered from the
Officers of His Majesty's 74th Regiment in
the adjustment of the Accounts of that Corps
previous to the embarkation of the Officers for
Europe

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Europe, who were responsible for the Conduct of the Paymaster of the Regiment that Paymastership being upon the old System--

Fourth. Is the sum of Pagodas 246:6.20. stated to be for sums Retrenched from Officers who were either killed in Battle or died before it was in the power of the Paymaster to recover the Retrenchments or to obtain from them the requisite Documents to remove them, under these Circumstances your Honorable Board may be induced to direct the same to be passed to the Credit of the late Acting Paymaster.-

Fifth. Is the sum of Pagodas 15:10:18-- being the Amount of a sum (it is to be supposed) advanced to Captain Buchan of the 12th Regiment of Native Infantry, the Receipt for which is Reported in the Military Paymaster General's Statement to have been returned to the late Acting Paymaster, who may

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may accordingly recover the Amount from the beforementioned Officer as it appears ev-
-admissible to the Credit of the Paymaster.-
Sixth, and last Item, in the Statement
is the Sum of Pagodas 151: 1. 26. stated
to be the Amount of a Balance against
the late Acting Paymaster as per an Ac-
-count Current Dated 11th January 1808,
which Sum should accordingly be refunded
by him.-

It now Remains for me to
Submit my opinion upon that part of the
late Acting Paymaster's address which
relates to his application for an Allowance or
Reimbursement as Represented by that Officer
for Money expended by him for the Pay
and travelling Charges for some of the
Writers of this Establishment Recalled to
Madras to Rectify some Difference between
his Accounts, and those of the Military Pay-
master

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Paymaster General Amounting to
the sum of Pagodas 719: 2: " In
the performance of this duty I beg leave
to observe that an Office Establishment
upon a liberal Scale was authorised to the
late Acting Paymaster for four
Months after the appointment ceased, for
the purpose of bringing up Arrears,
and settling these Accounts and which
was continued, altho' upon a Reduced Scale
for a Considerable time there after.— under
these Circumstances, (altho it is to be ac-
-knowledged that the Amount of the
Disbursements was large) I have no
hesitation in stating it as my Opinion,
that the Allowances Received for the
adjustment of the Accounts of the late

Acting

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Acting Paymaster in the Field were amply sufficient and the present Claims may therefore be declined.-

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Honorable Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/signed/ P. Bruce
Mty Asst. Genl.

Mily Asst Genl Office
Fort St. Geo. 25th January 1808-

Statement

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Statement of the Balances standing upon the Books of the Military Paymaster General against Captain W. Shaw late Paymaster to the Army.

1.	Amount charged by him under the head of Military Board Provision Department on Account of differences arising between the Amount of Invoices and the drafts received from Lieutenant Colonel Symons which cannot be Credited without Bills Pagodas		50. —
2.	Amount of Sums Charged in last Account Current as Vouchers having been lost by Post which cannot be Credited without Sanction of Government Viz.t		
	Medical Bill of His Majesty's 74.th Regt.	256: 1/10. 40	
	Lieut. Boyle Pay.r His Majesty's 19.th Dragoons	101. 171: 22.	
	Bill for Victualling the Troops	51. 35. —	459. 26. 62.
	Carried forward		509. 26. 62.

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		Brought forward - - -	509.	26. 62.
3.	Amount of Captain R. McLeod Paymaster &c. Regiment in Camp twice Charged in May 1803 being included in Major Campbell's Drafts 25th. May 1803 Pagodas 8,800 and again in September 1803 on Captain McLeod's Receipt in Duplicate - - - - - -	1,800 -	-	
4.	Amount Charged under the head of Profit and Loss on Account of Retrenchments forwarded to the different Officers in Camp who died in the Battle, submitted to Government, which Cannot be Credited without Order from Government - - - - - - -	246	6.	20.
5.	Receipt of Captain Buchan 12th. Regiment N.I. returned to him under date the 1st. June 1807 -	540.	18.	-
6.	Amount of Balance due by him as per Account Current Dated 11th. January 1808. - -	151.	1.	26.
		Pagodas - - -	3247.	10. 28.

My Paymr Genl Office
Fort St. George 12th. Jany 1808.

E. E. Fr. /Signed/ B. Roebuck.
My P.G.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ P. Bruce
My Asst Genl.

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Dr. Captain H. Shaw late acting Pay
with Benjamin Roebuck

To Amount retrenched by the Military Auditor General from his Disbursements		1650.	6. 55.
To Ditto — Ditto for June		1871.	40. 11.
To Ditto — Ditto for July		1381.	19. 26.
To Ditto — Ditto for August		9707.	32. 6.
To Ditto — Ditto for September	1800	22. 12.	
		16411.	36. 30.
To Amount Retrenched on Reaudit by the Military Auditor General as per Letter Dated 29th. December 1803		19.	15. 60
To Ditto — Ditto Dated 31st. January 1804		27.	10. 40.
To Ditto — Ditto — 8th. February		19.	2. 50.
		65.	28. 70.
Pagodas		16477.	23. 20.

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True

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master to the Grand Army in Account Current
Esqre Military Paymaster General &c.

By Amount Readit passed by the Military
Auditor General as per Letter Dated
16th November 1804 - - - - - - - - - - 975. 30. 67.
By Ditto - Ditto - Dated 16th May 1805 - - - - 21 - -
By Ditto - Ditto - Dated 22d Do - - - - - - 500. 6. 69.
By Ditto - Ditto Dated 14th August - - - - - 8939. 37. 30.
By Ditto - Ditto Dated 21st Do - - - - - - 27. 10. 40.
By Ditto - Ditto Dated 23d Do - - - - - 23. - -
By Ditto - Ditto - Dated 25th September - - 39. 2. 66.
By Ditto - Ditto Dated 14th March 1806 - - 264. 10. 40.
By Ditto - Ditto Dated 22d April - - - 8. - - 10,798. 14. 72.
By Amount Refunded by the Paymaster as per
enclosed Abstract - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5.679. 8. 28.

Pagodas - - - - 16,477. 23. 20.

E. E.

Per /Signed/ B. Roebuck
M.y P.G

Copy /Signed/ P. Bruce
Military Auditor General

Ordered

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

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

To. In reply. Para 1st. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 13th. and 25th. Instant.-

2d. With respect to the particular Appointments which may have been in the contemplation of the Honorable Court of Directors when they desired that the Military Allowances of Officers holding them should be restricted to their Regimental Pay, it has been deemed advisable by the Governor in Council to consult the Supreme Government on that subject, in order that the doubts which have arisen may be determined by the practice in Bengal-

3d. The Governor in Council has resolved not to admit the claims of the Assistant Surgeon

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Surgeon at the Naval Hospital to receive an allow-
-ance from the Honorable Company, until the Com-
-mander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron should
deem it proper to Recommend the application.-

4. The Governor in Council concurs
in your opinion that it is not necessary to incur
any additional expence in paying the Pensioners
at Madura-

5. The Governor in Council will
consult the Commander in Chief regarding the
expediency of discontinuing the appointment of
Vakeels to Native Corps.-

6. The Governor in Council has
observed with great satisfaction the reduction
which has taken place in the Amount of
Balances Outstanding in the Military
Books of this Presidency, as reported in
your Letter of the 25th Instant; and I am di-
-rected to acquaint you that He will consider

it

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it His duty to bring to the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors the Zeal and deligence which you have manifested on the occasion in conjunction with the Military Paymaster General.-

7. The Governor in Council entirely concurs in your opinion respecting the propriety of Relieving the Military Balances in future & from the Quick and Dead Stock of the Honble Company, and of transferring the Balances included in the 3rd Class to the Head of Account Current London.- You will accordingly issue the Requisite instructions to the Military Paymaster General for that purpose.-

8. I am directed to desire that the Accounts of the late Acting Paymaster to the Army in the Field under the Command of Lieutenant General Stuart may be adjusted in exact conformity with the opinions stated in your Report on that subject; and

that

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that you will communicate this resolution to Captain Shaw through the Channel of the Military Paymaster General.-

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30th January 1808-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/signed/ George Strachey
Secy to Govt

Ordered also that the follow-ing Letter be dispatched to the Commander in Chief--

To Lieutenant General Macdowall
Commander in Chief.

Sir,

To the Commander in Chief - Stating that no additional expence is to be incurred in paying the Pensioners at Madura and requesting his opinion relative to the discontinuance of Vakeels with Native Corps -

Para 1st. The Honorable the Governor in Council having duly considered the representation of the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army, respecting the inadequacy of the means provided for the payment of the Pensioners at Madura, I am directed to acquaint

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acquaint you that it does not appear to the Gover-
-nor in Council to be proper that any additional
Charge should be incurred on that Account.

2d. It having occurred to the Governor
in Council that the arrangement established in
General Orders on the 21st. of March 1797, may pro-
-bably have rendered useless the appointment of
Vakeels to Native Corps, I am directed to request
that you will state your opinion on that subject,
and to inform you that by discontinuing the
employment of those Servants, an Annual Reduc-
-tion of nearly Four Thousand Pagodas will be ef-
-fected in the fixed Military Charges of this Presi-
-dency.

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I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Geo. Strachey
Sec.y to Govt.

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Symons.

To

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To The Secretary

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Agnew - Objects generally to the claims of the discontented Bullock owners, and thinks that he can prove the payment of any individual claim, regarding which the Advocate General may require information.

I have received your letter, under date the 23d of December 1807, and beg leave to inform you, that I have a great deal of urgent official business in hand, which will not admit of my leaving Seringapatam.

It is proper for me, to say, that all the claims of the Bullock owners, are distinctly, and clearly on record in the Office of the Military Board, and in my profession, with the decisions of the Military Board and Government thereon.

Likewise transmit you, Copy of a letter, addressed by me to Lieutenant General Stuart, when President of the Military Board, on the 22d of November 1802, which is a true state of the case, and will afford the Honorable the Governor in Council satisfactory information on the subject, and shew that no amicable

arrangement

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arrangement can be made by Government, the Military Board, or any person who may be appointed to reinvestigate the business, without making great pecuniary sacrifices.-

I apprehend that the Supreme Court, will not decide on any suit, until both sides of the question are heard, if so, I am of opinion, that the Judge Advocate, ought to state for the information of Government, the nature of each claim, and I will answer it: and I am sure, that I can adduce evidence, to establish the payment of hire. In the event of the Judge Advocate considering the evidence not sufficient, to repel the claim, Government can satisfy it.-

The Bullocks owned, as stating as mentioned in a letter from the Military Board dated the 7th. of December 1807, that I procured false acquittances, is a new idea, I always understood, they were well satisfied with my impartial

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impartial conduct, and never expected to be denounced by them; however that may be, the Registers and Acquittances were signed near Seven Years ago, in the most public manner, by the parties concerned, in the presence of the Manager of the Principal Agent, the Head owners, and Witnesses under my Superintendance: under these Circumstances, and after so long a lapse of time, if the Bullock owners in the Supreme Court, or otherwise, are able to set aside such documents, the former Settlements must become null, and in that case, Government may be Obliged to pay over again the greatest part of the hire, which will Amount to a large sum, perhaps Lacks of Pagodas; therefore great caution ought to be observed in reviving the consideration of the subject, in any manner whatsoever, except

by

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by Judicial proceedings.

Seringapatam.
16th January 1808.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed John H. Symons.
Judge

To Lieutenant General Stuart
President and Members
of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

Para 1st. I have the honor to inform you, that all the former refractory Bullock Owners, are now coming forward, and Complain of various exactions, having been made in settling their Accounts in the Grain and Store Departments, and Request I will investigate their Complaints, and make an equitable Adjustment.—

2d. The Subordinate Agents and Head

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Head Owners declare, that a just settlement has been made with them, and though during these five Months, I have often desired the Complainants to attend me, and Compare their Accounts, not one has done so, nor would they have come to me now had they not seen, that I was about leaving the Presidency—

3d To make a Regular inquiry into the transactions between them and their Head Owners and the late Subordinate Agents, will require at least a year's close application, becaus Evidence must be heard pro and Con & the proceedings taken down, and even when a deliberate and mature Investigation has been made, it will be deficient from a want of Judicial Authority, and my Opinion can always be set aside by the Supreme and other Courts of Judicature, and of Course will not be binding or conclusive.—

4. If your Board wish me, to go into

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into the matter, it will be necessary to invest me with a power of deciding finally upon all matters in dispute, subject to the approval and Confirmation of Government - but if such a power cannot be granted, I suggest that the Complainants be referred to the Justices at the Presidency and the Head Owners and Dubashes of the Subordinate Agents, being on the spot, can attend and give the necessary Information which I do not possess.

5. When I have commenced my inquiry it is very probable, that the Complainants will be continually absenting themselves, and making frivolous objections to my mode of procedure and to frustrate all my endeavours to bring matters to a conclusion; indeed from the intercourse they have with Lawyers, and under other existing Circumstances, I really think it will

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will be impossible to make a satisfactory adjustment, for I cannot enforce the attendance of any one of the Parties concerned, nor can I cause a transfer of property-

Marmalong the 22d November 1802.

/Signed/ John H. Symons.
Major

/A True Copy/
/Signed/ J. H. Symons.
Judge.-

Seringapatam the 16th January 1808.-

To The Secretary

Sir,

From Lieut. Colonel Symons. Corrects an verbal mistake in the above letter, and repeats his opinion that the claims of the Bullock owners are unreasonable.-

In my letter, dated the 16th instant, I wrote Judge Advocate, instead of Advocate General, which please to rectify.-

In examining my papers connected with the Adjustment of these accounts, a Report made by me to the Military

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Military Board on the 11th. of August 1802 has come to hand; a Copy. of which I will prepare and forward with all possible dispatch. This Report will shew, that the Demands of the Bullock owners, are extremely unreasonable, and contrary to the Regulations of the Service, under which they agreed to Act, and that no Amicable arrangement can be made with them.–

Seringapatam
18th. of January 1808–

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Signed J. H. Symons.
Judge.

To The Secretary

Sir

From Lieut. Colonel Symons. Encloses copy of his former Report to the Military Board on the claims of the Bullock Owners.

I have the Honor to transmit Copy of my Report to the Military Board dated Marmalong the 11th. of August 1802–

The unreasonable claims of

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	Pr.	F.	C.
of the Bullocks owned are as follows.			
Road Sirc for 16583 draft and 17,589 Carriage Bullocks. ----	11,867.	10.	53.
Hire donation and remission of advance for 1149 draft and 3540 Carriage Bullocks - provided on the March to Seringapatam - - - - - -	23574	28.	6.
Remission for stoppage in the Grain Department on Account of Rice lost or embezzled on the March to Seringapatam - - - - - - - -	3327.	"	"
Maistries Pay not allowed by the Military Board - - - - - - -	4628.	30.	75.
Drivers Pay for six Months at 1 driver to three Carriage bullocks for 33986. at 2 Pagodas a Month - -	135,948		
Drivers pay for six Months at 1 driver to two draft bullocks for 19,820 at 2 Pags a Month - -	11,3920		
	254868.	"	"
Total Star Pagodas	2,93265.	24.	54

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The Honorable the Governor in Council will see by this Report that a very few of the petty owners Remains to settle their accounts in the different departments and that accounts Current and lists of those people accompany the accounts of the Agents-and have the honor to be

Seringapatam
20th. of January 1808.

Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) John Hy Symons
Judge

Copy of Report
To The President and Members
of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

Para 1st. The Accounts of the Provision Store and Grain Departments having been transferred to me, I called before me, one of the Petty owners, and read to him, his Account Current with

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with the Honorable Company, and asked him, if it was correct, and he Answered in the affirmative. I next asked him, if any difference existed between him and his headcorneel, about Cash, which had been advanced to him, on account, at different times, and he said, there was none. These principal points having been ascertained, I requested him to sign the public Register, but he objected; and upon my Remonstrating with him, on the impropriety of his unwillingness to acknowledge a just and fair Account, and de-manding the Reason of such extraordinary con-duct, he urged, that a person named Paupah Naick, and several other Bullockcorneel, would punish him, if he did such a thing, and that he could not affix his signature to the Register, unless he got Road Cash, viz. for Cattle supplied on the March to Seringa-patam, Maistries and drivers pay and a remission of the Charges, for the lost or embez-zled

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embezzled Rice – I endeavoured all in my power, to prevail upon him, to accord with my wishes, telling him, that it was merely an acknowledgment of his having received the hire, of his Cattle; that his doing so, could not, by any means, be considered a Retraction of his other demands, his signature being required, to comply with the Regulations, and that after he had done so, I would represent to the Board, his claims, with my opinion, however, he remained inflexible. I then called in Sauprah Naick, who with great effrontery, spoke much to the same purport, so that the signing, the Register, depends entirely upon the admission of these Claims. Sauprah Naick, is a Petty owner, and stands forth as the constituted attorney of the dis-contented party and as he and another person

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person named Samee Naick, seem to have a great influence, over their constituents, it will be necessary for Government, to adopt Strong measures to bring them to Reason or the accounts will never be closed in a Regular manner, be-cause all those, who have not signed the Registers, excuse themselves on the same grounds. I warned Saupah Naick, in the most pointed manner on the danger of resisting Government and explained to him the disagreeable Consequences, that may ensue from his Refractory and insidious Conduct, in leading astray and preventing the Petty owners, com-ing to a fair adjustment of their accounts in the mode prescribed by the Regu-lations of the Bullock Department but he appeared perfectly indifferent to my admonitions. They likewise com-plain of unauthorised stoppages having

been

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been made in the Store and Grain Depart-
-ments, however, this is a matter, I can easily
adjust- but from what I have already stated,
the accomplishment of a finial settlement
of all the Bullock accounts rests chiefly upon
the admission of these Claims, or a relinquish-
-ment of them on the part of the petty owners-
It is proper to mention that
a Portuguese Man named Pelling attends &
with the petty owners, and seems to have a
much Weight with them, I asked him by
what authority he interfered with and obstruct-
-ed the settlement of the public Accounts, he
said, he came to see justice done, upon which
I desired him, to quit the house which he did
and took the Bullock Owners with him--

2d. As your Board, have de-
-sired me, to point out the Measures, I deem
necessary to the effecting a Complete adjust-
-ment, it is expedient, for me, to give my
opinion

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Opinion with regard to the propriety of those claims, which I will endeavour to do, in as brief a manner, as the prolixity of the subject will admit.—

1st Road Sirr

The following Copy of a Letter formerly addressed by me to the Board, will throw much light on this obscure claim—

To the Secretary of the Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Board, that having nearly adjusted the Accounts Current between the Head owners and Vencatarengapillay, I have turned my attention to the Road Sirr, and after giving the subject the most serious Consideration and making the strictest enquiry, I find, that no Satisfactory Evidence can be adduced, respecting the places from

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from which, the Cattle were actually brought.
On perusing the Registers, I observe, that the
Name of the Village of each petty owner is at-
-tached to his own, therefore, it strikes me that
this Circumstance, affords the only presumptive
proof; however the Natives do emigrate and
retain the name of the place of their Nativity,
which makes this mode of decision exceptionable,
but it appears to be the only method left, by
which a judgement can be formed on the pro-
-priety of their Claims, and it may be possible
to ascertain, with precision, where they resided
at the time they received the Advance for pro-
-curing Cattle. If implicit Confidence, is placed,
on the assertions of the Petty owners, they will
no doubt support one another, and even, if re-
-course be had to the Munildars for Certificates,
a few Pagodas will easily procure false
ones, so that in either case, little faith can be put

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on such testimony, and yet Lieutenant Colonel Dallas paid the Pychinopoly Mais-tries, upon presumptive proof or their bare as-sertions. Therefore I beg leave to suggest if it meets with the approbation of the Board the giving of Road Cure, to such petty owners, whose places of Residence, are beyond the Mustering Sta-tions of Cuddalore, Trichinopoly, Vellore, Amboor and Nellore, and that this allowance shall commence from the Principal Garrison contiguous to the Districts, in which the petty owners reside and where it is supposed they supplied themselves with Cattle. This ar-rangement will exclude all those, who were Resident within this circle who most pro-bably purchased the bullocks in the interior of the Carnatic and perhaps will bring Matters to as just and fair a decision, as the uncertainty of things will admit.

This mode is perfectly consonant to Lieut.

Colonel

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Colonel Dallas's intended plan, mentioned in his Letter of the 2nd. Ultimo from Vellore, "The "urgency of the service, requiring that no delay "should happen from any pretence whatever, "it was agreed to, as no Bullocks were to be stop- "ped for Muster at out Stations, merely for the "purpose of Coming on pay, from thence to the "Presidency that Road hire, should be allowed "from the first Station, their Cattle had occa- "sion to pass where a Muster according to the "rules of the Service, might have been taken"

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1st. November 1800

(Signed) J. H. Symonds.
Captain

Para 3d. It was impossible to obtain positive proof of the places from whence the Cattle were brought and in Conformity to the orders of the Board at that time, on this sub- ject, I selected such owners, whose places of Residence, were annexed to their Names in the Public Register and allowed Road-

hire

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Hire to those who resided at and beyond the line of Cuddalore, Tiagar, Vellore, Amboor, and Nellore—

Their Marches were calculated at fifteen miles each and an Allowance equal to their daily hire was made to them. This Arrangement brought in the Northern people who were best entitled to Consideration on this head—

It was admitted that some kind of a promise was held out respecting Road hire or travelling expences in Order to accelerate the Speedy Collection of Cattle at the Presidency in Consequence of which your Board wished to afford the petty owners some Relief—but as Lieutenant Colonel Dallas expressly mentioned that they were only to come upon this Allowance on their passing an Out Station, where they might have

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have been mustered and that a specific promise had only been made to the Trichinopoly Mantries I could fall upon no other mode than the one I adopted to protect the Honorable Company from imposition and to ascertain the place of their residence, in the vicinity of which, it was most likely they purchased their Cattle.—

The difficulties that have occurred in adjusting this Claim, have arisen from the following causes.—

1st. The Principal Agent fixing upon no Rule for ascertaining the places from which the petty owners brought their Cattle.—

2d. Including the names of a Number of petty owners in the Register at Conjevaram as entitled to Road hire.—

3d. The destroying the aforesaid Registers at Conjevaram and disavowing the Right of the petty owners to that allowance.—

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4th " Paying Road Cess to the Trichinopoly Maistries upon their bare assertions respecting the places from whence they brought their Cattle.--

5th " Rejecting the declarations of the other petty owners with regard to the places where they purchased their Cattle.--

Paupah Naick and the present Complaints, acknowledge that no promise was made to them, but that as Road Cess was allowed and paid to some, they ought to receive and are entitled to the same allowance; Many of the Complainants have received or will be paid Road Cess on any final adjustment, and Paupah Naick and most of the Remainder are Inhabitants of the Interior parts of the Carnatic & by the Regulations of the Service ought to have brought their Cattle to the Presidency to be mustered.- The Complainants claim

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this allowance for 4,583 Draught and 175 89 Carriage Bullocks which Amounts to Star Pagodas 11,867 " 10 " 53. It is worthy of observation that not a single bullocks appeared to have been purchased in the interior of the Carnatic and that all the Petty owners went to distant places and supplied themselves in districts beyond the line of Nellore, Vellore, Tiagar, and Pondicherry, which circumstance alone, bears evident marks of imposition on the part of the owners in making this Demand, for it is obvious that the Carnatic must have afforded a large or at least some proportion.

In short, as they acknowledge no promise was made to them, no right is established and although your Board from Motives of Justice and policy were pleased to indulge some of them with an Allowance of the kind it was no pledge for admitting the Demands of

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the whole and as indulgencies are voluntary and optional, the Compilainants have not substan-tiated their claims upon reasonable or legal grounds and can have no good cause of suit or even complaint.

2d. Hire for Cattle supplied on the March to Seringapatam.—

They assert that they furnished three thousand, five hundred and forty seven Bullocks to the Store and Grain Departments of the Army on the March to Seringapatam and the late Subordinate Agents and their Dubashes bear testimony to the truth of this assertion; but urge that they considered these Cattle to have been supplied to replace Casualties—

They demand pay and the allowances for these Cattle on the prin-ciples of the Government Advertisement respecting the adjustment of the accounts of the

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the Department.- Viz. 1st "The Bullock Owners
"will receive payment for all bullocks, mustered
"on the Service without deduction for Casualties
"to the 31st of May 1799. 2d. The Balances of
"advances remaining due for bullocks provided
"and unrecovered on the 1st of May 1799. will
"be remitted to the owners".-

They urge that the Cattle so supplied in the Store Department Amounted to 1149 Draught and 1546 Carriage, and in the Grain Department 1,994 Carriage - Total 1149 - Draught and 3,540 Carriage. The Hire, donation and Remission of advance Amounts to Star Pago. -das 23,574 " 28 " 6 " the Subordinate Agent of the Store Department only admits 1186 Draught and 463 Carriage so that the number acknow. -ledged by those public Officers is 1186 Draught and 2460 Carriage.-

An advance appears to have been made for the supply in the Store Department but

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but none was made in the Grain.-

The set off against this claim is the irregular manner in which these Cattle were Admitted into the Department for they were not Mustered by the Muster Master of the Army, agreeable to the Rules of the Service, nor was any intimation given to the Principal Agent of their being entertained and of course could not be con-sidered in employ or entitled to pay, except by their Sanction and authority, therefore the occur-rence is altogether doubtful and there is no Satis-factory proof, that any fresh Cattle were pro-vided in that manner- Vencata Runga Pillay positively says there was none. I conceive that Government by Specifying all bullocks mus-tered in the Service meant all such as were mustered by Muster Masters or other Officers authorized to do so, previous to the March of the Army and the Muster Certificates regularly transmitted to the proper Offices.-

Sent to

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Such should have been the Construction that ought to have been put upon the most liberal order ever issued by any Government, and I observe the 3? Paragraph of the advertisement regarding the donation expressly mentions the Cattle originally mustered, which no doubt, implies those for which advances had been made prior to the March of the Army to Mysore. This being the case, the present Claim is a glaring attempt to abuse the liberality of Government, and cannot be defended upon principles of Justice.-

3rd. Maistries Pay.

In my former adjustment, I applied to Lieutenant Colonel Dallas for information respecting the existence of such a description of people as Maistries. He returned

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returned me no Answer and his Manager declared there were none. This declaration induced me to withhold this Allowance, however I observe the late Subordinate agents have admitted and paid Maistries and if they were absolutely present with their Departments, subsequent to the 8th of February, they must have been entertain-ed during the Months of December and January and must likewise have served with the Spare and Camp equi-page Departments and equally en-titled to pay. Therefore Maistries pay ought to be allowed during the Months of December and January and in the Spare and Camp Equipage, or be re-trenched in the other Departments.—

Maistries

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Maistries Pay unpaid.

For the Months of December & January ---- 2530-31-63.

Spare Department - - - - - - - - - - 1216-41-12.

Camp Equipage Department - - - - - 882:--:--

4628-30-75.

4th Drivers Pay.

This claim is absurd in the extreme, because it is a well known fact and the established usage of the Country that a driver must be furnished by the Contractor, with every three bullocks, whose pay is considered included in the hire of the Cattle.-

5. Remission of the Charge for Soft or embezzled Rice.-

They urge that a quantity of the Grain was taken by the Enemy, if so, the Circumstance must be well known to several

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several Members of your Board.—

By the rules of the Service and local customs of the Country, carries of all descriptions are obliged to make good such Articles as may have been lost or embezzled whilst in their Custody at the market price of the place of destination, Consequently, the Complainants should pay for it at the price it would have fetched in the Camp Bazar when the Army arrived at Seringapatam; therefor, they have no right to expect a remission, I understand they have been charged at the rate of twenty nine Fanams per Star Pagoda which is very moderate—

6th Unauthorised Stoppages in the Subordinate Departments.—

If such Stoppages have really been made, this Matter can be easily Rectified by the Complainants attending me and

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and comparing their Accounts with those of the Subordinate Agents.

7th. Balances due to the Head and petty owners at the close of my adjustment.—

When I left the Presidency your Board did not think it proper to apply to Government for a further advance of Cash: therefore, I was Obliged to give Certificates to the people that they might be paid at some future period.—

Claims on the late Principal Agent.

Maistries Custom for December and January - - - - -	2274	15 - 76. Paid
Maistries Custom Spare Department	1130	- 30 - 19. Paid
Due to Petty Owners - - - - -	1714	27 - 71. Paid in part the balance in the Treasury.
	5119	32 - 6.

Claims

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Claims on the Camp Equipage.

Department

Maistries Custom ---------- 802-14-73 Paid

Due to the Petty Owners ---- 5451-"-66.

6253-15-59.

Claim on Government

Road hire ---------- 1767-"-8-"-28

Claims of the Bullock Owners

on Venkatarungumpillah

for Old unauthorised

Stoppages.

Head Owners ---------- 2162-"-"-52.

Vencatarungapittah

Advances the following

Claims.

Claims on Government.

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Moiety of Custom for January and December - - -

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3d. Claims on Government	1767.	8. 28.
4. Head owners Claims on Vencata-rungapilla	2162	. . 52.
Claims of Vencatarungapilla on Government.		
5. Moirty of Custom	4341	7. 48.
6 Claims on Vencatarungapilla on the Subordinate Agents-Gain and Store Departments	7,255	. 32. 20.
7th. Maistries Pay	4628	. 30. 75.
Total Pagodas	31,528.	3. 44.

The 1st. Sum should be paid by the principal Agent as he has Credit in his general Account Current.-

The 2d. Ought to be discharged by the Subordinate Agent of that Department.-

The 3d. Should be paid out of the balance of public Cash against the late principal Agent.-

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The 4th ought to be discharged by the late Manager Venetarung umputta-

The 5th should have been stopped out of the hire of the Cattle, and the principal Agent should have paid it to his Servant-

The 6th Must be paid to the head Servant by the Subordinate Agents of the Departments.-

The 7th if admitted should have been paid out of the balance of Cash in the hands of the late principal Agent.-

The steps that appear necessary to be taken to accomplish a final settlement, are as follows.-

1st To admit, or reject the claims of the Petty owners-

2d To suppress a Conspiracy of the petty

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petty owners and certain persons Inhabi=
-tants of Madras—

3d To enforce the attendance of
the Petty owners at my Office to Compare
their Accounts and to sign the publick
register.—

4th To decide upon the per=
-sons who are to pay the balances and
make good the claims.—

5th To advance Cash to dis=
-charge these balances and claims.—

6th In case Government should
be unable to enforce the attendance of the
Petty owners, to draw out an Account Cur=
-rent with each Refractory petty owner and
lodge it in the Office of Audit, ready to be
produced, should they come forward at a
future

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future period.-

7th To discharge the balances and claims admitted to be due and to close the Accounts forthwith.-

Para 4th The Petty owners who have not signed the Registers are very few in Number and most of them, are indebted to the public, that is to say, there are balances against them in the Department to which they belong, and as they cannot discharge them, they will not come to a Settlement and have advanced these futile claims with a view to put off the evil day of reckoning.-

They are led by Pauprah Naick and Samee Naick, two of the Petty owners & a Portuguese Man named Pelling who pretends to be the Agents of some persons connected with the Supreme Court of Judicature and report says,

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says, that all the Complainants have given written engagements, to pay a Specific Sum, and that the apprehension of their being obliged to forfeit the Amount of their Obligations, prevents them from acknowledging their Accounts and signing the Registed.-

Para 5: I have examined the Accounts of the late Subordinate Agents and find that the mode of Settlement adopted by them, respectively is conformable to the Regulations of the Service, and that the Account Current with each Head and petty owned, is made out in a fair and explicit manner and so as to point out clearly and definitely every item connected with it-

Marmalong
11th. August 1807.-

/signed/ J. H. Symons.
Major

/a true Copy/
/signed/ J. H. Symons--
Seringapatam the 20th. of January 1808-
Ordered

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Fort St. George 29th. January 1808—

Ordered that the follow-
-ing Letter be dispatched—

To Lieutenant Colonel Symons

Sir,

To—Inreply.

The Honorable the Gover-
-nor in Council having entirely concurred in
the Sentiments expressed in your Letters of the
18th. 18th. & 20th. Instant—respecting the
claims of the Bullock owners therein mention
-ed, I am directed to acquaint you that
the Advocate General has been instructed
to resist those claims by legal process, in
the event of the parties being advised to insti-
-tute a Suit on that Account against the
Honorable Company—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Strachey
Secy. to Govt.

Fort St. George
30th. January 1808—

To

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Fort. St. George 29th. January 1808—

To

The Advocate General

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th. March last; and to furnish for your information and guidance the enclosed Copies of Letters subsequently received from Lieut. Colonel Symond on the Subject of the claims of the Bullock owners which you have deemed it your duty to bring to the notice of the Honorable the Governor in Council—

To the Advocate General—Furnishing him with Copies of the Letters from Lieut. Colonel Symond relative to the claims of the Bullock Owners, and desiring him to resist those demands eventually in the Supreme Court—

2d. The Governor in Council entirely concurring in the Sentiments expressed by Lieutenant Colonel Symond,

I am

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I am directed to desire that you will be pre-
-pared to meet any suit which the claimants
may be advised to institute against the Hono-
-rable Company.—

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30th January 1808—

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) George Strachey
Secy to Govt

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

George Strachey Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George—

Sir,

From the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief—States the Number of Horses required for the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry at Poona—

Para 1st Agreeably to the Resolutions
of the Honorable the Governor in Council, on the
20th

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20th. Instant, as Communicated to the Com-
-mander in Chief with your Letter of the 23rd.
Instant, I am directed by His Excellency to
state, that it is of opinion the Number of Horses,
which the 2d. Regiment of Cavalry wanted to
Complete, on the 1st. Day of this year will be
quite Enough, for the Honorable the Governor
in Council at this Presidency to ask of the
Government of Bombay to supply.-

2nd. The 2d. Regiment of Cavalry, as
stated in my Letter, of the 18th. Instant, want-
-ed 76 Horses, on the 1st. of this Month. 30 Horses
will therefore be a very liberal and ample
Remount.-

3rd. His Excellency is not aware, that
any further observations can be required from
Him, he has however directed me to transmit
the Accompanying Extract of the Regulations of
this

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this Establishment, which apply to the purchase of Remount Horses, and he requests you will be pleased to lay it before the Honorable the Governor in Council.

4. His Excellency will instruct the Officer Commanding the 2d Regiment of Cavalry, to be very Careful in receiving the Horses to be furnished to him on this occasion in order that no part of the conditions which have long been Established by Government may be evaded.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) William Macpherson
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Commander in Chiefs Office
28th January 1808.

Extract from Section 4th of the Cavalry Regulations.

Para 1st "Horses purchased for the Cavalry must not be under three years old in time of Peace, nor under four years old in time of War, and when the Exigences of the Service requires their being purchased at the advanced Age of Seven Years old,

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old, they must be perfectly free from blemish, and evidently fresh".-

2. No Horse shall be purchased which is under the measurement of fourteen 1/4 Hands High".-

3d "Horses which are provided for the Cavalry shall be received for the service under examination by Committees of Officers; and it shall be the duty of such Committees to cause each Horse passed by them as fit for the Service in Conformity to the foregoing Regulations, to be branded in their presence on the near Haunch with the Company's Stamp, and the year of admission into the Service".-

/True Extract/

/Signed/ W. Macpherson

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Ordered that the following Letter be dispatched.-

To William Newnham Esqre

Secretary to the Government at Bombay

Sir,

Para 1st

I am, directed by the Honorable the

To the Secretary at Bombay. Enclosing correspondence with the Commander in Chief relative to Horses required for the 2d Regt of

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of Native Cavalry at Poonah, and requesting that they may be supplied from Bombay.-

the Governor in Council to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay the enclosed copies of Letters from the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief at this Presidency.--

2d. I am further directed to state the Re-quest of this Government - that in Compliance with the suggestion of the Commander in Chief the Governor in Council at Bombay will be pleased to take immediate measures for sending Eighty Horses to Poonah for the purpose of completing the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo. Strachey

Sec.y to Govt.

Fort St. George
30th January 1808.-

Ed. Strange

" G. H. Barlow

" H. Fane

" J. Oakes

" Sa. Walker Casamajor

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Diary

January — 30th

Received the following Letter

To the Honorable,
Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bartt &c &c &c.
Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

Conformably to the Resolutions of the Honorable the Governor in Council under date 22 April 1805, I have the honor to submit herewith a Quarterly Statement shewing the Expences incurred during the Months of July August and September 1807 on account of Lock Hospitals at Military Stations under this Presidency, Extracted from the Disbursements of the different Paymasters and Amounting to Pn 1424=34=36.

From the Military Auditor General — Submits a State=ment of expences incurred at the Lock Hospitals in July august and September 1807, amounting to Pags 1424: 34: 36

I have the honor to be
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient Servant
/ signed / P. Bruce
M. A. G.

Milty Audr Genls Office
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Statement

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Statement Shewing the Expence incurred during

Hospitals at the undermentioned Military Stations under the Presidency of

Expence of the Lock Hospital at the Mount _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Poonamallie _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Arcot _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Wallajahbad _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Cuddalore New Town _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Seringapatam _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Bangalore _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Bednore _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Nundidroog _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Vizagapatam _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Ganjam _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Chicacole _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Bellary _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Gooty _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Trichinopoly _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Tellicherry _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Cannanore _____

Ditto _____ Ditto _____ Vellore _____

Total Expence

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the Months of July August and September 1807 on account of Lock Fort St George extracted from the Disbursements of the Different Paymasters -

	July	August	September	Total For 3 Months
	14 6 "	16 20 60	12 6 .	42 32 60
	25 21 .	26 12 .	24 19 40	76 7 40
	29 25 40	35 3 "	32 18 "	97 1 40
	12 13 40	12 18 .	2 16 40	27 33 "
	20 37 "	19 38 40	" " "	40 30 40
	12 25 40	18 34 .	20 15 "	51 29 40
	78 8 40	66 38 "	84 30 68	229 32 28
	6 " "	6 21 "	6 15 "	18 36 "
	23 42 "	41 25 "	46 37 40	112 14 40
	25 3 "	24 18 "	22 42 "	72 18 "
	34 37 40	15 " "	37 30 "	87 22 40
	24 3 "	31 21 "	28 36 .	87 15 "
	44 - 40	35 24 "	56 29 40	136 9 "
	25 31 40	15 4 40	18 16 40	59 7 40
	37 42 .	21 25 40	27 15 "	86 37 40
	33 32 72	42 28 48	29 31 64	106 3 24
	19 3 "	17 33 "	18 3 "	54 39 "
	. " "	7 17 44	30 7 40	37 25 4
Pagodas	471 2 32	454 22 32	499 9 52	1.424 34 36

(Signed) P. Bruce
M. A. G.

Received

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Received and Sent the
following Letters entered in M. B. N.os 94 & 95
96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101.

From the Town Mayor of Fort S. George

From Mayor Barclay — Reports that the two women mentioned in M.r Strachey's letter of the 27.th Instant left the Presidency two days before the Orders were issued to advance them Money.

To the Commander in Chief

To Lieutenant General Macdowall. Transmits Extract from the Minutes of Council in this Department of the 26.th and 29.th Instant.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — authority has been given for the payment of Bills mentioned in their letter of the 18.th Instant.

To the Military auditor General

To the Military auditor General — Transmits Extract of a list of Bills to be debited to Bombay Presidency —

To Ditto

To the Military auditor General

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General — authorizing the payment of Bills and advances in the enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board of the 18th Instant.

To the Military auditor General — With Extract from the Proceedings in this Department of the 29th Instant

The same to the Military Board.

To the advocate General. — Desires his Opinion on the enclosed letter from Major Dalrymple whether his receipt will be sufficient security for the delivery of the promissary note requested.

To Mr. Bell — His claim not to be admitted till recommended by Sir Edward Pellew.

Febry — 1st — Received and sent the following Letters intered in M. B. Nos 1. 2

From Major Bruce — Reporting on an additional Estimate of Cash of the

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the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops for the last Month.—

To the Military Paymaster General—With Copy of the Military auditor General's Report on the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops for the last Month

To the Military Paymaster General—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart & K.B

Governor and President

William Petrie
Thomas Oakes } Esqrs
and
J. H Casamajor

Tuesday the 2d February 1808

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read the following Letters from

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Fort St George 2 February 1808

from the Commander in Chiefs Military Secretary
and the Adjutant General of the army

George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

From the Military secy to the commander in Chief. Enclosing proceedings of the committee on off reckonings for 1801/2 and 1802/3

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to transmit to you the accompanying proceedings of the Committee on off Reckonings for the years 1801/2 and 1802/3 for the purpose of being laid before the Honorable the Governor in Council

Commander in Chiefs Office 25th January 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
/Signed/ Wm Macpherson
M.S.

To the Adjutant General
of the army

Sir

I have the Honor to inclose the
Proceedings

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Fort S George 2 February 1808

Proceedings of the Committee of which I am President appointed to examine and adjust the accounts of the Off Reckoning Fund for the year 1801-2 & 1802-3 which I request you will lay before the Commander in Chief for Submission to Government

Fort S George
25th January 1808

/ Signed / P. A. Agnew
Lieutenant Colonel and
Pres.t of Committee

George Strachey Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that you will be pleased to lay the Accompanying proceedings of the off Reckoning Committee for the year 1803/4 before the Honorable the Governor in Council

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most
Obed.t
Humble Servant
/ Signed / Wm. Macpherson
M S.

To

From the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief with proceedings of the Off reckoning Committee for 1803/4

Commander in Chiefs
Office 30th January 1808

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Fort St George 2d February 1808

To the Adjutant General
of the Army

Sir

I have the Honor to enclose the Proceedings of the Committee of which I am President on the Accounts of the Off Reckoning Fund for the year 1803-4 which I request you will submit to His Excellency the Commander in Chief to be laid before the Honorable the Governor in Council.

Fort St George
29th January 1808

/ Signed / P. A. Agnew
Lieutenant Colonel
21st Regimt Pre Tof Comdt

Order thereon

Ordered that the Proceedings of the Off reckoning Fund Committee submitted with the foregoing Letters be referred to the Military Auditor General for Examination and report.—

To

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Fort St George 2 February 1808

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

From the Adjutant General of the Army. Enclosing a Letter from Major Tichborne & Capt. Gibeon and stating the promotion in the 3d Regt N. C.

Sir,

I am directed by his Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying application from Major Tich=borne of the Madras European Regiment for permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope on sick Certificate.—

In consequence of the resignation of Lieutenant W. Blackwood of the 3d Regiment native Cavalry on the 6th April 1807 as announ=ced in the dispatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors under date the 29th of May a vacancy has occurred in that Corps, and the Commander in Chief requests that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council the following Consequent promotion.

3d Regiment Native Cavalry.

Senior

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Fort St George 2d February 1808

Senior Cornet James Locke to be Lieutenant, date of Rank the 7th April 1807 vice Blackwood resigned.

I am further directed by Lieutenant General Macdowall to request that you will sub=mit for the decision of the Honorable the Governor in Council a letter from Captain Gibson Com=manding the 7th Company of the 1st Battalion of Artillery on the subject of the arrest of a Lascar by the Civil magistrate for debt, and as no Soldier can be arrested by the rule of his Majestys Service for a debt under twenty Pounds, His Excellency recommends to the Honorable the Governor in Council to promulge a regulation limiting the sum for which a Native Soldier can be impri=soned.

Fort St George
1st February 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir. Sir. Sir
[Signed] F Capper
Adjutant General
of the army

To

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To the Honorable
the Governor in Council
Fort St George

Sir

In conformity with the necessity set forth in the accompanying Certificate, I have the Honor to request permission to proceed to the Cape of good Hope for the recovery of my Health

Madras 27th January 1808

/ Signed / Thos Tichborne Major M E R.

This is to Certify that Major Tichborne of the Madras European Regiment has been under my Care for a period of about three Months, and I am of opinion that it is necessary for him to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope for the recovery of his health.

Madras January 27th 1808

/ Signed / R Sherwood Surgeon

To

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Fort S. George 2d February 1808

To the Adjutant General

of the Army

&c &c &c.

Sir,

Being by the 16th Section of the Code of Regulations prohibited making any references on the subject of the administration of Civil justice unless to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, I beg leave to submit for His consideration the following case in which I conceive the Civil Magis=trate of the Zillah of Masulipatam has exceeded his authority and acted in opposition to the LXI and LXII clauses of the Mutiny Act.—

On the Morning of the 21st ultimo a Gun Lascar of the 19th Company of the Division of Gun Lascars attached to the 7th Company 1st Battalion Artillery named Mahomed Khan came to my quarters attended by a Zillah Peon bearing a summons or writ written in Gentoo signed by T Ellis Zillah Judge which I understood was issued against Mhamed

Khan

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Fort - St George 2d February 1808

Khan on account of a Debt of 9 1/2 Rupees - Immediately directed the Lascar to accompany the Peon -

In the Evening of the same day it was reported to me that Lascar Mahomed Khan was detained a Prisoner in the Cutwals Choultry - and at the time of my writing this he still continues in Confinement

As the Service is deprived of this Man by this detention of his person, and the Mutiny act (clause LXIII) prohibiting my drawing any pay for him while in confinement by which the means of liquidating the debt are intirely destroyed, I conceive it my duty to report the circumstance and submit it for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and the decision of Government. —

Masulipatam
11th January 1808

(Signed) A. Gibson
Captain Com.g 7th Comp.y
1st Batt.n Artillery

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that Major
Tichborne

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Tichborne of the Madras European Regiment be permitted to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope on sick Certificate

Ordered that the Promotion in the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry recommended in the foregoing Minute be directed to take place.—

Ordered that the representation from Captain Gibson of the Artillery submitted with the foregoing Letter be sent in Circulation.—

Read the following —

Letters from the Military Auditor General

To the Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart G.C.B.

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honorable Sir.

In Obedience to your Orders conveyed in the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor

From the Military auditor General reports an a charge for Moonshees &c at Cuddalore

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Cuddalore with state=
=ment on the same
requires further infor=
=mation respecting Lt
Stewart's claim ... The
applications of the adjut
2d Battalion 25th N.I.
and of the Interpreter
at a General Court
Martial, are unusual.

Governor in Council under date the 5th Instant,
directing me to examine and adjust a Charge incur=
=red on account of Supernumerary Moonshies and
Stationary provided for the Cadet Company at
new Town of Cuddalore, I have accordingly the
honor to report that the Abstracts for Pay and
allowances to the Cadet Company from
July 1806 to November 1807 inclusive have
been examined; from which it appears that
the Stoppages inserted in the Statement
furnished by Captain Pollock Commanding
the Cadet Company do not exactly correspond
with the Monthly rate of Stoppage / 2 Pagodas /
allowed to be made from the Pay of each Gentle=
=man Cadet who during the period above stated
appear to have been doing duty at that Station=
For the more particular Information of your
Honorable Board, I have the honor to transmit
herewith a Comparative Statement showing
the difference which Amounts to Pagodas 161 " "

More

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More than what is stated by Captain Pollock to have been stopped by him, but which no doubt that Officer can satisfactorily explain, if Called upon -

2 With respect to the charge in a Bill signed by Lieutenant Stuart amounting to Pagodas 82=40 " for Stationary which had been submitted along with the preceding claim to your Honorable Board, it is my duty to observe that the Resolution of Government under date 9th September 1806 passed upon the Minute of the Commander in Chief of the 2d of that month sanctioning the allowance for the Establishment of Moonshies on account of the Cadet Company does not authorize an allowance for Stationary - I shall therefore require to be favored with your further Instructions previous to the passing of these allowances.

3 Agreeably to the Orders Conveyed in the above mentioned Minutes of the

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the Honorable the Governor in Council respecting the claim preferred by the Adjutant of the 2d Battalion of the 25th Regiment of native Infantry for reimbursement on account of loss sustained by that Officer of Pagodas 14=7=" advances made by him to Sepoy Recruits who had deserted, I have the honor to state that after maturely Considering the subject, I have to observe that Instances of such occurrences frequently happen, and several within my own knowledge, but I do not recollect an Instance of an application having been made to Government for reimbursement, indeed should your Honorable Board Comply with the present re=quest, I am apprehensive it would open a Field for preferring similar applications from every native Corps in the Service

4th In obedience also to your Orders Conveyed in the same Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council directing me to report if it has been usual to authorize the payment of a remune=ration to an Officer for acting as Interpreter at

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a General Court martial, I have the honor to report that after a diligent search and Investigation in the Records of this Office I have not been able to discover an allowance of that kind having been authorized, not even the case cited in the application to your Honorable Board by Captain Blasm - Captain Kelly I believe was appointed in General Orders by the late Commander in Chief to officiate as Interpreter to a General Court Martial which sat about two years ago at the Presidency by the authority of Government to sanction any allowance on that account not having been received in this Department it is concluded none have been drawn or they would have been retrenched on Audit -

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.ls Office
Fort St George 27th January 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
/ signed / P. Bruce
M. A. G
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A Comparative Statement of the Stoppages reported to have been made by Captain Pollock from the Cadets, and of the Stoppages according to the Number of Cadets at Cuddalore, as extracted from the Monthly Disbursements—

	Cadets	Amount of Monthly stoppages as pr Captn Pollocks Statement	Amount of Monthly stoppages according to the number of Cadets at Cuddalore as extracted from the Disbursements	Difference above Captn Pollocks statement.
July 1806	52	102 " "	104 " "	2 " "
August	128	254 " "	256 " "	2 " "
September	128	254 " "	256 " "	2 " "
October	146	292 " "	292 " "	" " "
November	145	290 " "	290 " "	" " "
December	145	288 " "	290 " "	2 " "
January 1807	131	260 " "	262 " "	2 " "

February	148	274	"	"	296	"	"	22	"	"
March	148	290	"	"	296	"	"	6	"	"
April	185	344	"	"	370	"	"	26	"	"
May	88	172	"	"	176	"	"	4	"	"
June	86	162	"	"	172	"	"	10	"	"
July	6 q whole Months 25 half months	153	"	"	163	"	"	10	"	"
August	125	246	"	"	250	"	"	4	"	"
September	125	182	"	"	250	"	"	68	"	"
October	78	155	"	"	156	"	"	1	"	"
November Disbursement not in office	1	182	"	"	182	"	"	"	"	"
Pagodas	3.900	"	"	4061	"	"	161	"	"	

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/Signed/ P. Bruce
M. A. G.

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Resolved

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to call on the Officer Commanding the Cadet Company for an explanation of the stated deficiency in the Amount of Stoppages on account of Moonshee money and that He be further requested to submit his Opinion respecting the propriety of authorising the Charge for Stationary submitted by the Hindoostanee Instructor at Cuddalore

Resolved that the Opinions of the Military Auditor General relative to the claims of Lieutenant Palmer and Captain Clason be confirmed.—

To the Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart & K.B.

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From the Military Auditor General. The present allowances of the Paymr in Mysore are amply sufficient, being pr. 325 Rs pr Mo.

1 I have the honor to lay before you copy of a letter which I have recently received from

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from the Paymaster in Mysore as requested by him on the Subject of the Reduction of his Office Establishment. It is my duty to report for the information of your Honorable Board that altho' the reduction from the Office Establish-ment of that Paymaster is considerable, being per Month Pagodas 138- " " The Establishment that is still allowed for the Conducting the duties of that Department being the sum of Pagodas 325 is still sufficiently adequate for that purpose by making an arrangement at the different Stations of his range of Payment according to the number of Troops, and the Payments &c. which are required to be made — I have only to add that when the Office Establishment for the Pay-Department in Mysore was first fixed, it was arranged upon a very liberal scale on account of the objection then suggested of Native Writers being extremely unwilling to proceed to and

settle

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settle in that lately acquired Territory—

Militar.y Aud.r Gen.l Office
Fort S.t George 29.th January 1808

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/ Signed / P. Bruce
M. A. G.

Copy of a Letter from M.r J. Smith Paymaster at Seringapatam to the Military Auditor Genera dated 10.th January 1808.—

I have the honor to acknowledg your Letter of the 3.d October last, enclosing Statement of Pay-Office Establishment in this range, ordered by Government to take effect from 1.st of that Month by which Arrangement a reduction has been made of Star Pagodas 138 per Month —

I request you will be pleased to state in your next communication with Governm.t the total inadequacy of the Establishment proposed for this station for the duties required. It had been customary to entertain at this place no fewer than 12 Writers altho.' 7 only are provided for by Government

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Government, and that number has frequently been encreased on emergent occasions during a press of business or in seasons of great sickness - this however was effected without any additional expence by calling in the assistance of Writers at Outstations when more than one were employed.

I have the honor to subjoin a List of the Number actually necessary, their Pay per Month and the duties they discharge - Exclusive of this number other are occasionally employed to supply the place of the sick -

1	Head Clerk and Accountant to Superintendant	50 — " — "
1	Head Writer for writing the Cash account arranging the Vouchers and framing the abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements and Account Current	25 — " — "
1	Writer for Examining the abstracts and other Vouchers of payment	20 — " — "
1	Do. for the Ledger and Accounts Current with the Officers	10 — " — "

2 Writers

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2 Writers for writing Extracts Statements
Accounts Current Replies and Copying
the Vouchers of the Retrenchments belong-
=ing to my Disbursements as well as the
Correspondence Accounts Current and
other particulars relating to Different
Paymasters—

1 a. . . . . Ps 15 " —"

1 a. . . . . Ps 10 — " — 25 — " —

4 Do for making up 3 Setts of Account
Disbursements each Containing about
11 Sections of Medium Paper besides
Copying all the Vouchers attached
to the abstracts, and not extended
in the body of the Disbursements
a 8 Pagodas pr. each —

1 a . . . . . Ps 10 " — "

3 a 8 Pagodas . . . . . 24 — — —

34 — "

Total Pagodas . . 164 " "

A true Copy
/ Signed / P. Bruce
M. A. G.
Received

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Resolution thereon. -

"Resolved, that the Establish=
=ment of the Paymaster in Mysoor as recently
reduced is adequate to the duties of the Office.

To the Honorable
Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart and K.B.
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

"From the Military auditor General respecting an applic=cation from Major Joyes for Loss sustained by exchange - thinks his Charges rather exorbitant, and reports on Claims of the same kind which may be expected -

In obedience to your Orders contained in the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council under date the 12th Instant referring for consideration and report the application from the Officer Commanding the 2 Battalion of the 7th Regiment of Native Infantry for Com=pensation for Loss on Exchange which that Corps sustained while serving in the Deckan. I have ac=cordingly the honor to report that this application is grounded upon the same plea as those of the 1st and 2 Battalions of the 11th Regiment of Native Infantry

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Infantry Viz.t that Government had been pleased to grant that Indulgence to His Majesty's 94th Regiment, and requesting that it might be extended to this Corps. Major Joyes the present Commanding Officer has forwarded a Bill or Statement exhibiting the amount of Loss stated to have been sustained by that Corps from March 1803 to April 1806 inclusive, Amounting to Fanams 518,856.. 60 or Pagodas 12353.. 30.. 60 - This Statement is not however supported by Authentic Nericks or Attestations from the Superintendant of the Buzars certifying the rates of Conversion at which the different Coins passed in the Buzar at the Periods stated - In the Same Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council, I am directed to Submit a particular report regarding the efficiency of the checks which may have been established over these Disbursements for Compensation, and whether they have been regularly enforced — I have accordingly to

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to report that the only Disbursements exactly
similar to the present claims was the sum for
Compensation for Loss on Exchange authorized by
Government to the Officers of His Majesty's 94th
Regiment which was directed to be passed agree-
=ably to a Statement Submitted to Government
by the Officers of that Corps and transmitted to me
to be passed for Payment which having been accor-
=dingly done, no other check upon the adjustment
of that Claim was requisite to be enforced.

It will I trust be deemed
Consistent with my duty to advert to the Magnitude
of the Sum to which the applications for Compensa-
=tions for Loss on Exchange will amount, if Complied
with. It may be calculated that the Claims of the
other five Native Battalions that composed the
Hydrabad Subsidiary Force during the period for
which Claims for Compensation for Loss on Exchange
are now preferred will amount to about the same
Sum for each as before stated for the 2d Battalion

of

of the 7th Regiment making together a sum of more than Seventy Four thousand Pagodas, and the claims on the same account for the two Regiment of Native Cavalry, the Detachment of Artillery and Gun Lascars attached, and Corps of Pioneers will at a moderate Calculation amount to Thirty thousand Pagodas more, making altogether a sum more than a Lac of Pagodas — It may likewise be deemed deserving of Consideration that the Honorable Company were Subjected to Disbursements to an amount probably greater than the Loss Sustained by Exchange in Consequence of issuing Grain to the Native Troops not only at a much lower Price than at what it was purchased, but in General great quantities were issued gratuitously. It is to be acknowledged that when these Quantities of Grain were given to the Native Troops, no agreement was mentioned or were the Troops informed that it was on any Specific account but it may be fairly inferred that as the Honorable Company were Subjected to defray

Contingencies

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Contingencies to a great amount in addition to the beforementioned Issues of Grain besides the Regular Monthly Disbursements of Pay and Batta to the Troops that no other demands would in reason be after such a lapse of time brought against the Pub=

=lic=

As the decision of your Honble Board upon this application is of great moment this Consideration will I hope plead my Excuse for having Enlarged so much upon the Subject=

Milty Audr Genl's Office
Fort St George 29th Jany 1808

I have the honor to be
Sr Sr
/ Signed / T. Bruce
M. A. G.

Resolution thereon

=Resolved on further Consider=

=ration of the Subject that the various claims re=

=cently submitted on the part of native Corps to receive a compensation for the loss which they are stated to have sustained by the depreciation of coins while employed on service in the Deccan

are

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are entirely inadmissible

To the Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart & K.B.

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honorable Sir

From the Military auditor General — reports on the applic=ation from H. M. 22d Lt. Dragoons that under the circumstan=ces existing their claim is inadmis=sible

In Obedience to the Orders contained in the Minutes of the Right Honble the Governor in Council under date the 2d October last directing me to report upon the applic=ation from the Officers of His Majesty's 22d Light Dragoons when stationed at Mundydroog to be allowed full Batta which had at that time escaped my attention in Consequence of the press of business which generally Occurs previous to the preparing the public Dispatches and sailing of the Ships for Europe at that season — I have now the honor to report that as the above men=tioned Corps was directed to march to Mundy=droog where it was to be stationed upon its

arrival

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arrival there upon the 29th of June last all Field allowances consequently ceased - And altho' there are no Quarters for Officers at that Station being in the receipt however of Tent allowance and not under marching Orders I have to observe that when Troops are so situated a charge for the difference between half and full Batta or other Field allowances would by the Regulations of the Service be considered upon audit Inadmissible. —

Military Aud.r Gen.l's Office
Fort St George 30th Jan.y 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
/ Signed / P. Bruce
M. A. G

Minute thereon. - The Board concur in the Military Auditor General's Opinion that the Officers of His Majesty's 22d Regiment of Light Dragoons were not intitled to extraordinary Batta while stationed at Nundydroog —

To

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To the Honorable
Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart and K.B.
Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

From the Military auditor General the Claim preferred by Lt. McCulloch of the Royal Navy is without a precedent — The Bills from the Town Mayor have been adjusted according to desire —

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's letter of the 21st Instant, in which I am directed to report upon a claim preferred by Lieutenant McCulloch of the Royal Navy to the Honorable Company's allowances as Agent for the Transports recently arrived from the Cape of Good Hope — In Obedience thereto I have to state for the information of your Honorable Board that there is no situation of that description acknowledged by authority under this Presidency, and that upon reference to the Records of this Department no charge upon that account appears to have been entered upon them with One exception only in the year 1797 when an Agent for Trans-

-ports

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-ports was specially nominated by Government to take charge of that Department when the armament for the projected Expedition against Manilla was going forward: which instance however is in my opi-=nion not applicable to the present Case —

2 I have the honor to report that the Bills which accompanied the Copy of a letter from the Town Mayor of Fort St George have been examined and adjusted agreeably to the Instructi-=ons conveyed in Mr. Secretary Stracheys letter before mentioned - the allowance claimed by the Town Mayor and included in the Bills being Correct -

Mil. Audr. Genl. Office
Fort St George 30th Jany 1808

I have the honor to be
Gr. Gr.
(signed) P. Bruce
M. A. G.

Resolution thereon

Resolved that a reference be made to the Governor General in Council for the purpose of enabling the Board to decide the claim of Lt. Mc-=kullock of the Royal Navy to receive an allowance from

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from the Honorable Company as Agent for the Transports lately arrived from the Cape of Good Hope.

Read the following Letter from Captain F. Thompson -

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Captain F Thompson - Engages to victual the Europeans prisoners of war at 3 f.s per day each.-

In Conformity to the Govern=ment Advertisement under date 22.d December 1807, I do myself the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that I will undertake to Victual the European Prisoners of war under the Regu=lations and Conditions proposed by Government at the rate of three fanams per diem for each Individual.

I have the honor to be

Fort S.t George

29.th January 1808

Gen.l Gen.l

/ signed / F. Thompson

Capt.n

Ordered

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Answer thereon. - Ordered that the Proposal of Captain Thompson for victualling the Prisoners of War be referred for consideration and report to the Military Auditor General.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bombay -

To George Strachey Esqr.
Secretary to Government in the Mily Dept
at Fort St George.

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that the Military Paymaster General at this Presidency has been instructed to issue to Captain Sydenham Smith of the 2d Battalion 13th Regiment of Madras native Infantry the pay and allowances that may become due to that Officer during his stay at this Presidency on Captain Smith's producing a Certificate of the last payment made to him agreeably to the

From the Secretary to the Government at Bombay Instructions have been issued to the military Paymr General to advance Pay &c. to Capt Smith while at Bombay on his producing the prescribed certificate

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the Established practice of the Service

Bombay Castle I have the honor to be

20th January 1808

Sir

Your

/ signed / W. Newnham

Secy to Govermt

Orders thereon Ordered that a copy of the forego=

=ing Letter be furnished to the Military Auditor

General for his information and guidance

Read the following Letter

from the Military Auditor General

To the Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart & K.B.

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Hon^ble Sir,

From the Military Audr General states the amount of advances paid to Hs M 4th & 56th Regiments.—

1 In Conformity to the directions contained in M^r Secretary Strachey's letter of the 10th ultimo,—

2 I have the honor to state the amount of advances made at this Presidency to

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to His Majesty's 47th and 56th Regiments, are as follows

To His Majesty's 47th Regiment an advance authorized by your Honorable Council the 5th Inst. P. 1,750--

To His Majesty's 56th Regt. Do - Do - Do P. 1500--

To Do - Do on the 13th Do - - - P. 5000--

6500--

Pagodas - - - 8250--

Military Audr Genl Office
Fort St George 1st February 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
/Signed/ P. Bruce
M. A. G

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Secretary at Bombay

order thereon

Read the following Letter from the Town Major of Fort St George.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George.

Sir,

From the Town Major of Fort St George states the admission of two Europeans into the Lunatic Hospital.

I have the honor to inform you that

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I have authorized the admission of Messrs Horne & Augier Europeans not in the service into the Lunatic Hospital agreeably to the accompanying Certificate.

Town Major's Office
Fort St George 20th January 1808

I have the honor to be
&c &c.
/ signed / R. Barclay
Town Major

This is to Certify that James Horne late Captain and part Proprietor of an English Country Vessel; and J. N. Augier a Native of Italy late Chief mate of a Danish Country Vessel both labouring under mental derangement having been sent to the General Hospital by Order of the Medical Board about three Weeks ago that Insight might be obtained into the nature of their situation, have not benefitted by their medical treat-ment there. I am therefore of opinion that though not violent as they are Fortuitous and cannot take

care

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Care of themselves that they are fitter objects, particularly Captain Horne for the Lunatic Hospital than the General Hospital, as there is no proper accommodation for them in the latter, and but little prospect of benefit by Medical treatment; and that therefore they should be removed to the Lunatic Hospital

Fort St George
January 20th 1808

I signed I Ind.v Berry
3.d Member
Medical Board

Order thereon. Ordered in Consequence that the following Letter be dispatched to the Medical Board, and that a Copy of it be furnished for the information and guidance of the Town Major of Fort St George.

To the President and Members of
The Medical Board,

Gentlemen,

To the Medical Board - desiring them to report on the cases of Mr Horne and Angelo lately confined in the Lunatic

Para 1 I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to

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Lunatic Hospital— and to report on every future case— also to visit the Hospital occasionally and to submit quarterly reports on the treatment and condition of the Patients —

to you the inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Town Major of Fort St George, and to desire that you will proceed to the Lunatic Hospital and Submit a Special Report on the cases of the Two Patients stated by Lt Major Barclay to have been recently admitted in-to that Hospital.

2 I am further directed to de=sire that on the admission of any new Patient in-to the Lunatic Hospital, you will in fu=ture consider it your duty to report to the Governor in Council the particular circum=stances under which the Patient may have been admitted. —

3 The Governor in Council is further pleased to desire that you will occa=sionally visit the Lunatic Hospital for the purpose of observing the treatment of the Patients, and that you will lay before the Governor in Council a Quarterly Report

on

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on the state of the different cases.

I have the honor to be

Fort St George
3 February 1808

Sir &c.
/ signed / G Strachey
Secy to Govermt

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Negapatam To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Petition from the young Officer Paisoner of war who seems a very well behaved young man, but from the dreadfull wounds he has received, I do not think he will ever be fit for any Service as his head now and then appears deranged.

From the Commandant at Negapatam submits & recommends a request from a Prisoner of war for permission to return on his Parole to the Isle of France by the way of Trankquebar

I have the honor to be

Negapatam
24th January 1808

Sir &c.
/ signed / L. Sober
Lt Comdt

To

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To the Honorable
Sir George Hilaro Barlow
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Fort S. George

Honorable Sir

I undersigned French Prisoner of war respectfully apply to your Excellency the present Petition

I served as one of the 2 mates on board the Adele Privateer she having captured the Killy I was appointed 1st mate of this Prize which was soon retaken by the former Crew after a bloody Conflict.

In this contest I received three large dreadfull Wounds in the skull and forehead several other in the body and was laid dying upon Deck—

From the humanity of some of the Men I was not thrown overboard

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Overboard and some days afterwards the
Kitty having arrived at Negapatam on the
5th of November last I was landed and con-
-veyed to the Hospital in a Delirium in
a most desperate state. I only recovered my
Senses fifteen days after my arrival owing to the
able and particular care of Doctor Brown
Surgeon of the place to whom I feel almost
miraculously indebted for my life. I am now in
a way of perfect recovering but still in a linger-
-ing state and will be for a long time rendered
unfit for any service whatever.

In such circumstances entert-
-aining but One desire that of returning to
my Country and family, I feel encouraged to
confide in the humanity and indulgence of the
English Government in soliciting a favor to
which I dare hope the extremity and peculia-
-rness of my case will successfully ensure me.

I request the permission after

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a Complete cure of my wounds of proceeding on parole to Tranquebar to avail myself there of the first neutral opportunity for returning to Mauritius on giving my parole never to serve against his Britannic Majesty's Forces and Subjects unless fairly and duly exchanged.—

I will further engage my Parole to be ready at the first notice to repair to Madras in case a Cartel ship happen to be Dispatched to Mauritius with Prisoners of war.—

I have the honor to be

Negapatam
23 January 1808

Jr Gr
/ signed / F G

Negapatam 23 January 1808

This is to Certify that what is stated in the annexed Petition is Consistent with Truth—

/ signed / Tho.s Brown
Asst Surgeon
Negapatam

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered that the following Reply

be Dispatched —

To the Officer Commanding

at Negapatam

To in Reply

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th Ultimo, and to desire that the French Prisoner of war therein Men=tioned may be permitted to proceed to the Isle of France by the way of Tranquebare on his giving his Parole of Honor not to serve against His — Majesty, the Honorable Company or their allies until regularly Exchanged. —

I am Sir Yr Obt

Fort S George

3 February 1808

/ signed / G Strachey

Secy to Government

Read the following Letter

from the late Commissary of Prisoners

To

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To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort S George

Sir

From the late Commissary of Prisoners Requesting a Compensation for expences incurred at the Isle of France.

I beg the favor of you to lay before the Honorable the Governor in Council the following Statement.—

In June last I was appointed Commissary of Prisoners on the Salary of One hundred Pagodas P. Month a Sum less by one half than that which had been granted to the several other Officers who had been previously employed upon Similar missions, it was therefore to be supposed that that sum was only intended as a remuneration for the unpleasant duty which I was about to undertake, and not to cover the unforeseen and enormous expences attending a residence of three Months at the Isle of France.—

The Commander of the Cartel Ship was paid by Government for my passage to and from the Isle of France but it would have been unreasonable

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unreasonable to have expected him to support me whilst I remained there. I was therefore under the necessity of living at my own expence for three months, and I do not exaggerate in stating that to have amounted to nearly four hundred Dollars per Month upon the most oconomical plans—

If the Honorable the Governor in Council has had reason to be satisfied with my Conduct during my late Mission, I hope His Excellency will be pleased to Order a remuneration to be made to me for the necessary expences above alluded to—

I have the honor to be

Fort St George
30th January 1808

/ signed / A Stock
Late Comy of Prisoners

Ordered that the following Reply be dispatched.

To

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To Lieutenant A. Stock

late Commissary of Prisoners.

Sir

To be reply

The Honorable the Governor in Council being disposed to Comply with the application submitted in your Letter of the 30th ultimo, I am directed to desire that you will state for His information as accurately as may be practicable the amount of the expense which you incurred while on duty at the Isles of France

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obt Servt

Fort S George

3d February 1808

/ Signed / G. Strachey

Secy to Govt.

Read the following Letter from the Acting Secretary at Fort Williams.-

To G. Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to Government of Fort S George,

Sir,

From the Acting Secy at Fort William Requesting further information of the Sub the measures which may be adopted in consequence of the damage done by the late storm. -

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the

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the Receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, with the several Reports " " .... to which it refers relative to the damage occasioned by the late Storm to the Works and Public Buildings at the Presidency of Fort St George.

I am also directed to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council is desirous of receiving at as early a period as may be practicable the further orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council on that subject, on taking into his consideration the measures which the nature and extent of the damage described in those reports may render it adviseable to adopt for the immediate security of the Works and buildings, and for the more effectual protection of them against the encroachment of the sea under any probable circumstances in future.—

I am &c &c

Fort William
11th January 1808

(Signed) J Thornhill
Actg Secy

Ordered that the following Reply be dispatched

To John Thornhill Esqr.
Acting Secy to the Govermt at Fort William

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor

Para 1

To Inreply—enclosing copy of further correspondence with the

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the military Board— on the subject of repairs rendered necessary by the late storm, and stating that a general Report and Estimate will be hereafter forwarded.—

Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 11th Ultimo, and to request that you will submit to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the enclosed copies of further Correspondence with the Military Board at this Presidency regarding the damage done to the Works and Public buildings by the late Storm.

2 I am further directed to state the intention of the Govt in Council that a General Report of the Repairs which may have become necessary in Consequence of that event, and an Estimate of the probable expense which will be incurred in Carrying them into effect shall be submitted for the information of the Supreme Government at an early period.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) G Strachey Secy to Govt

Fort St George
3 February 1808
Order thereon

Ordered that Copies of the two foregoing letters be furnished for the information & guidance of the Military Board.

" G H Barlow

" H Petrie

" Wm Oakes

" Jas H Casamajor

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Diary

3d.

Received the following Letter

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George

Sir.

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that Lieutenant G. Lewis (concerning whom, and Lieutenant Cammiade a French Prisoner of war, I had the honor to address the Secretary to Government in the Military Department under date the 21st. Instant) having quitted Pondicherry on the Evening of the 26th returned here from Cuddalore on the afternoon of the 29th. That this Morning before day break, he and Lieutenant Cammiade (who had found means to elude the vigilance of the Police Officers to whom he had been delivered in Custody, by disguising himself as is supposed, and making his

From the Acting Magistrate at Pondicherry acquainting that Lieut. Cammiade, has been wounded in a duel with Lieutenant Lewis.

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his escape through a window or over the wall/ met together at a place in the vicinity of the Town, and fought a duel with pistols, in which Lieu. - tenant Cammiade was wounded.

Pondicherry
30th. January 1808.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
/Signed/ E. W. Fallofield.
Acting Magistrate.

Sent the following Letters.

To John Thornhill Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the Government at
Fort William.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable ... the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Agent for the Transports recently arrived at this Presi- -dency from the Cape of Good Hope and to re- -quest that with the permission of the Right Honorable

To the acting Secre- -tary to the Govern- -ment at Fort William With letter from the agent for the Trans- -ports recently arrived from the Cape & requesting to be informed if Lieut. McCulloch would be entitled by the regulations in Bengal to any allow- -ance from the H. C. for that duty he

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he not belonging to the Squadron Stationed in India ~

Honorable the Governor General in Council you will State, whether Lieutenant Mc. Kullock by the ~ Regulations of the Service in Bengal would be entitled to receive any allowance from the Honorable Company for the performance of that duty, under the circumstance of his not belonging to the Squadron Stationed in the Indian Seas ~

I have the honor to be

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&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Geo: Strachey ~
Secry to Governt.

To Lieut. General Macdowall
Commander in Chief ~

Sir,

To the Commander in Chief ~ acquainting that on further consideration the several Claims for Loss Sustained by Exchange are inadmissible and also that of the 22d Dragoons for full Batta, while at Nundidroog ~ Claims of Lieutenant Palmer and Captain Clason

Para 1. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acquaint you that on further consideration of the subject, He deems the claims recently Submitted on the part of certain Native ~ Corps to receive a Compensation for the Loss which they

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Clason admitted. With Proceedings in this Department of the 2d Instant.

they are Stated to have sustained by the depre-
-ciation of coins in which they occasionally received
their Pay, while employed on Service in the Dec-
-can; to be entirely inadmissible.—

2— The Governor in Council has been
pleased to determine that the Claim of the Officers
of His Majesty's 22d Regiment of Light Dragoons
to receive Full Batta while Stationed at Nundi-
-droog Cannot be admitted consistently with the
Regulations of the Service.

3— The Governor in Council has fur-
-ther deemed it inexpedient to admit the respec-
-tive Claims of Lieutenant Palmer and Captain
Clason, Submitted in the Letter from your Mili-
-tary Secretary under Date the 29th December
and 2d. Ultimo—

4— I have the honor to enclose for
your information and guidance an Extract
from

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From the Proceedings of the Governor in Council in the Military Department of the 2d. Instant.

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I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo. Strachey
Secy. to Govern.t

Sent the following Letters entered in M. B. No.s 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.-

To the Secretary to the Government at Bombay.-

To Mr. Newnham - Enclosing the Milit.y Auditor Generals' letter respecting Advances to His Majesty's 47th and 56th Regiments.-

To the Commander in Chief.

To Lieutenant General Macdowall. Transmits Extract of Government Proceedings of the 29th Instant to be Communicated to the Medical Board.-

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board. - Transmits Copy of Correspondence with Fort William respecting damage at this Presidency by the late Storm

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Storm—

To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Auditor General

With extract of Proceedings in this department under date the 2d. Instant—

To the Town Major, Furnishing

To the Town Major of Fort St. George—

in Reply to his Letter of the 20th. Ultimo. Copy of one to the Medical Board—

4th Sent a Letter to Lieutenant Ge-

To the Commander in Chief—

-neral Macdowall entered in M. B. No. 8 Submits Copies of correspondence with the Magistrates of Guntoor and Masulipatam—

8th Sent the following Letter—

To William Newnham Esq:

Secretary to the Government at

Bombay—

Sir,

To the Secretary to the Government at Bombay— Enclosing copy of a— letter from Captain Sall of H. M. 47th Regt. who may draw his pay &c. till he can proceed to Europe, the amount will be debited to Bombay.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a Letter from Captain Sall of His—

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His Majesty's 47th Regiment, and to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay that Captain Sall has been permitted to draw the Pay and allowances of his Rank, until it shall be practicable for him to proceed to Europe.

I am further directed to state that the amount which may be paid to Captain Sall will be debited to the Account of the Government at Bombay.

I have the honor to be,

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8th February 1808.

&c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ Geo: Strachey
Secy to Govt.

Received and Sent the following Letters entered in M. B. No. 9. 10. 11. 12.

From Major Bruce. Reports on the additional estimate of Cash of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

From the Mil. Auditor General

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Trichinopoly for the Current Month.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board - Transmits Extract of Proceedings in the Public Department under date the 2d. Instant with two Original Bills, therein referred.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General - Transmits Copies of Correspondence with the Resident at Travancore, and desires the Necessary instructions to be issued to the Paymaster in Malabar and Canara.

To Dr.

To Ditto - With Copy of the Military Auditor General's Report on the additional estimate of Cash of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable
Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart. & K.B.
Governor and President.

Tuesday the
9th. February 1808.

William Petrie
Thomas Oakes
and
J. H. Casamajor
} Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The President recommends that

Lieutenant Mr. Keddy of H. M. 12th Regt appointed acting Fort Adjutant and Paymaster to the Detachments of the King's troops at Poonamallee, vice Fraser proceeding to England.

Lieutenant H: MacKeddy of His Majesty's 12th. Regiment be appointed Paymaster to the Details of His Majesty's Troops at the Depot at Poonamallee, and to be Acting Fort Adjutant at that Station, vice Fraser directed to join His Majesty's 94th. Regiment in England.

approved

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Approved and Ordered.-

Read the following Letters from the Commander in Chief, His Military Secretary, the Quarter Master General and Adjutant General of the Army-

The Chief Secretary
to
Government

Sir,

From the Commander in Chief, submits a Plan for forming a Corps of Riflemen, and states that more Rifles are required from Europe.

Impressed with the propriety of employing such means as are in our power, for laying the foundation of a Corps which sooner or later must be formed, and become a permanent part of the Military Establishment of this Country, and its numbers be in proportion to the effective Strength of the Army, I directed the accompanying paper to be drawn up by the Quarter Master General and most earnestly recommend the adoption of the plan proposed in it to the Honorable The Governor in Council.

Having

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Having done my duty in thus bring-
-ing to the notice of Government a subject which
has been deemed of considerable importance in the
Armies of Europe. I shall only add that the Court of
Directors having in so far approved of the Sugges-
-tion as to furnish the Rifles, it may be naturally
inferred that the trifling additional expence
would be sanctioned.

I have the honor to be.

Madras
February 5th 1808.

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

/Signed/ Hay Macdowall.

Memorandum.

The Services of an efficient body
of Sharp Shooters or Rifle men are of essential
advantage to the operations of any army. Opposed
to an European Enemy, and particularly to French
troops a Corps of that description in the present
improved State of the practice of war, is indes-
-pensably

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-pensably necessary.-

The French have derived incalculable benefits from the Active and systematic employment of light Infantry, and the results of their operations have demonstrated the necessity of considering a well constituted body of Sharp Shooters as one of the most essential branches of an Army in the Field.-

In this Country the Services of light Infantry would be productive of eminent advantages in whatever description of war we might prosecute. Against internal insurrections they would be exceedingly useful.- The Enemy in war-fares of that nature are all light Infantry; and from their modes of fighting, and our total deficiency of light troops, they harrass our Army, and cause great losses of men with impunity. A body of light troops, possessing the superiority of European Science and method, would keep the Peons at a distance.

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distance, and give a decisive advantage to allour operations against them. A body of light Infantry would be also extremely useful in a campaign against a regular Native Enemy; in our Marches, Camps, Skir-mishes, Battles, and pursuits, in covering our move-ments, harrassing and cutting off the Enemy they would afford the most important benefits. But their services would be more essentially necessary in opposing an Euro-pean Army. — Against an Enemy of that description it would probably be expedient to avoid a general action, to Pursue a System of incessantly offensive hostility in detail, to make Continual partial attacks on the Enemy, to act perpetually on his rear, and cut off all his communications and supplies; and in a war of that nature light troops would be principally en-gaged. Indeed it would be impossible to prosecute the plan of operations which I have described with-out a well arranged body of light troops. It is sur-perfluous

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-perfluous to State at greater length the benefits de-
-rivable in all Situations of war from the Servi-
-ces of Sharp Shooters: among the immense improve-
-ments that have been introduced into the System
of war during the last fifteen years the active,
extensive and efficacious employment of light In-
-fantry is perhaps the most Conspicuous -

This Army is entirely destitute of
Sharp Shooters; and it will be an object of Materi-
-al importance to its future operations to obtain
the Services of that description of troops.

Two methods of forming Light Infan-
-try have been followed: one, of occasionally employing
Corps of the line as light troops, the other of form-
-ing Separate Corps of Sharp Shooters, distinct from
the line, and instructed only in the duties, and
Modes of fighting peculiar to that Class of troops.
It is said that the former method is pursued in

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the French Army, and the great individual intelli-
-gence, activity, and Resource of the French Soldiers
render it suitable to the Character of that Nation.-
Attentive observers of the English troops have sta-
-ted that the same plan could not be applied to-
them with equal advantage.- - although superior
in Courage and energy to all other Nations. Yet the
English troops require an exact, Regular and unin-
terrupted System of discipline in order to prosecu-
Military excellence. Hence the occasional employ-
-ment of the troops of the line as light Infantry,-
without qualifying them properly to act as Sharp
Shooters, would have a tendency to derange their Sys-
-tem of discipline, and to render them unfit for ta-
-king their Station again in the line until they
had undergone a Course of previous discipline and
instruction. That plan would be equally adverse
to their excellence as regular and as light troops -

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To perform the duties of light Infantry requires peculiar Arms and dress, and a particular plan of instruction. The light Infantry must be dressed in a manner which will prevent their discovery, and habituated to steal upon the Enemy with extreme Caution, to avail themselves of every advantage of ground or means of concealment, to level with certain aim, to fire only when sure of doing execution, to disperse, collect together, advance, and retreat upon fixed principles. The Sepoys are still less qualified to be employed alternately as troops of the line, and as Sharp Shooters. As troops of the line the goodness of the Sepoys results, almost entirely from habits of discipline, from the Steadiness, order, and Mechanical obedience produced by a uniform System of instruction and Control. All those habits would be disturbed by making irregular troops of the Sepoys, and they could not be reestablished without difficulty.

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difficulty and delay — In order to posseſs the ſer-
-vices of Sharp Shooters in this Country a ſeparate
Corps ſhould therefore be formed, and trained in the
peculiar Species of exercise and duties which belong
to that Claſs of troops.

The Number of European troops is too limit-
-ed to admit of a Corps of Sharp Shooters being formed
from them, but a very efficient Corps might be formed
from the Natives, whose habits are more ſuitable
to the irregular duties of Sharp Shooters, than to the
exactneſs and ſtrict Order of the troops of the line.—

A Corps of Sharp Shooters ſhould be
armed with Rifles only; dreſſed (ſomething like our
Pioneers) in Green, or an a Species of brown Colour re-
-ſembling the prevalent appearance of the Country,
and formed by a ſyſtematic courſe of inſtruction in
the duties of Rifle Men. General Stuart ſenſible of the
the advantage of poſſeſſing a Corps of this deſcription

directed

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directed an application to be made to the Court of Directors about five Years ago, for 1500 Rifles: of that number, 200 arrived, part were taken by the French; and the remainder were never dispatched from Europe. It would be extremely desireable to form a Corps of Sharp Shooters under this Presidency to the extent of 200 Men, the number that can be supplied with Rifles, as a foundation for a more Considerable body when a sufficient number of Rifles shall be received. The formation of that Corps will occasion no further expence than the difference between half and full Batta to its Commanding Officer; as it is proposed to diminish the Strength of the regular Corps to the extent of the number of men of which the Rifle Corps will consist. There are 46 native Battalions on this establishment, and if a Selection shall be made of five Men from each Corps, with the exception of the

Battalions

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Battalions at Hydenabad the number of men required for the Rifle Corps will be obtained. When more Rifles shall arrive the Corps can be augmented in the same Manner, to such an establishment as the Government may consider to be necessary. An application should be made to the Honorable Court of Directors to send out 1300 Rifles the number required to Complete the amount originally demanded.

It might ultimately be found expedient to form two Rifle Corps of 700 Men each by drafting from the line. The Efficiency of those Corps would depend materially upon the intelligence activity and Skill of their European Officers, and the only objection that can perhaps be stated against the formation of those Corps arises from the loss of Officers which would be occasioned by that measure to the regular Battalions. But the importance of possessing the services of a Corps of Rifle-men might render it expedient

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to make a Separate provision of Officers for them distinct from the line. This object could be easily accomplished without violating the existing Constitution of the Company's Service by attaching to each Rifle Corps, a Major, with a Certain number of Captains and Subalterns to rise in their own Corps until they attained the Rank of Field Officer — when they should rise in the line of Infantry. — Indeed it would be very desireable that this plan, if reconcileable to Considerations of expence, should be extended to all Corps distinct from the line, particularly to the Pioneers. — The establishment of Officers with Regular Regiments is unable to supply the great demands that exist for Officers on account of Staff Situations and Extra Corps, and to retain at the same time with Regiments Officers fit by their Activity and talents to Conduct them with

ability

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ability and Success.

Approved and recommended. /Signed/ Hay Macdowall

to Government. February 5th 1808.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that the plan proposed

by the Commander in Chief for establishing a Corps

of Riflemen, be referred to the Supreme Government.

George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Mr Sec.t to the Commander in Chief. - Supports a recommendation of the Medical Board for transferring Mr Surgeon MacKay from the Pension to the Invalid List -

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to transmit to you, the accompanying proceedings of this days date, which have just been received from the Medical Board -

I have farther the honor to forward the Monthly return of the Sick of the Army under this Presidency for the Month of November last, and to request that the whole May be laid before the Honorable the Governor in Council -

The

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The Commander in Chief observes, you will be pleased to inform the Hon.ble the Governor in Council, that he strongly recommends, that Mr. Surgeon MacKay may be removed, from, the pension to the Invalid Estab.lishment, agreeably to the proposal of the Medical Board.

Commander in Chief's Office 1st. February 1808.

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

(Signed) Wm. Macpherson

M.G.

Minute thereon.

The Board are concerned that they cannot comply with the recommendation of the Commander in Chief for transferring Mr. Surgeon MacKay from the Pensioned List to the Invalid Establishment.

Georgs.

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George Strachey

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the same
With Proceedings
of the Off. Reckoning
Fund Committee
for the Year 1804/5
— Requests that
a Compensation
may be given to
Major Pierce, and
Difference of Batta
to Capt. Heath.—

Para 1. I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief, to request that you will be pleased to lay the Accompanying Proceedings of the Off. Reckoning Committee for the Year 1804/5. before the Honorable the Gover. nor in Council.—

2 His Excellency also Requests that you will be pleased to Submit the accompanying Extract of a Minute by Sir John Craddock of the 1st. of October 1805. and consequent Resolutions of the Honorable the Governor in Council on the 15th. of the Same Month before the Board, with His Excellency's Request, that ..... the Honorable the Governor in Council will Now be pleased to determine the Amount of the

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the Compensation which Major Pierce is to receive in Consequence of the trouble to which he has been Subjected in the Provision of Clothing -

3d The Commander in Chief also recommends that Captain Heath may be allowed to draw full Batta, during the period he has sat on the Off reckoning Committee, and that the Charge for a Writer be admitted for the Reasons Stated in Lieutenant Colonel Agnews Letter.

Commander in Chiefs Office 3d February 1808

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Wm Macpherson
Mil Sec.y

To the Adjutant General of the Army

Sir, I have the honor to enclose for the proceedings of the Committee of which I am President, with the accounts of the Off reckoning.

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-ing Fund of the Year 1804/5, which I request you will lay before His Excellency the Commander in Chief, for transmission to Government —

I request at the same time that you will bring to his Excellency's Notice, that Captain Heath a Member of the Committee has been long detained by this duty absent from his Corps, and Consequently exposed to much expence and inconvenience by a Residence at the Presidency on a very laborious duty —

As Resident of the Committee I consider it to be my duty to State in strong terms Captain Heath's diligence and attention to its duties, and a slight inspection of the Proceedings will evince that no inconsiderable degree of Labour was necessary to arrange the Multitude of calculations, which he has chiefly Made —

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On these grounds I beg to Submit to His Excellency's consideration Captain Heath's Claim to Batta during the period he has been employed on the Committee.

I have also to request that His Excellency will obtain the sanction of the Government for the Payment of a Writer whom I have found it necessary to employ on the business of the Committee since the recent arrangements deprived me of the aid I was formerly enabled to derive from the occasional employment on this duty of those in the Adjutant General's Office.

Fort St. George.
2d. February 1808.

[Signed] P. A. Agnew
Lieutenant Colonel
Com.t 21st. Regiment N.I.
and Ass.t Off.r Com.tee

Extract

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Extract from a Minute of the late Commander in Chief. Dated the 1st. of October 1805.

"I Should propose that Major Pierce be again charged with this Duty: but as I deem it improper to impose on an Officer an Extra Official Duty without an adequate compensation, I recommend that He be remunerated for the Service he has already performed and for that I now propose to entrust to his Superintendance by an adequate perbentage on the Amount of Disbursements for each year, when his Accounts are Closed, or by Such other Mode as may appear preferrable.

Signed J. F. Cradock.

Lieut. General.

Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Military Department, Dated October the 15th 1805.

"The Board consider Major Pierce to have

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have a just Claim to Compensation for the trouble to which he has been subjected in the provision of Cloathing; but it is Resolved to postpone a determination regarding the Amount of Compensation which it may be proper to grant to that Officer, until the Comparative Statement which he is preparing shall have been completed.

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / G. Buchan

Chief Sec.y to Govern.t

/ True Extracts /

/ Signed / Wm. Macpherson

M.r Sec.y

Order thereon.

Ordered that the Proceedings of the Off Reckoning Fund Committee Submitted with the foregoing Letter be referred to the Military Auditor General for Consideration and report.

George

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George Strachey Esquire

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the same - Cornet Martin praying to be allowed an advance of three Months pay and allowances.

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that you will be pleased to lay the accompanying letter from Cornet Martin of the 5th. Native Cavalry Regiment, before the Honorable the Governor in Council, with his Excellency's Recommendation that an advance of three months pay and allowances may be made to that Officer on the occasion of his proceeding on Urgent private affairs to Bencoolen.

Commander in Chiefs Office 5th February 1808.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Macpherson

Mil. Sec.

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To Captain Mc. Pherson.

Secretary to his Excellency

The Commander in Chief.

Sir, Fort St. George.

The Regulations respecting Officers proceeding on Sick Certificate being allowed the indulgence of three months' pay in advance, - not extending to Officers in my case proceeding on urgent private affairs and being particularly distressed in a pecuniary point of view for a sum equal to the above period, I have to request you will do me the honor of stating the same to his Excellency, in hopes that his Excellency will do me the honor of allowing the indulgence to extend to myself.-

Madras. /Signed/ H. S. Martin.

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Resolved.

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that Cornet Martin of the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry be permitted to draw an Advance of Pay and Allowances for Three Months.

From the same. Submits a Letter from the Commanding Officer of the Royal in Support of the Claims of the Officers of that Corps to Full Batta and Tent allowances while at Prince of Wales' Island.

George Strachey Esquire
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request, You will be pleased to lay the accompanying Letter from the Officer commanding the 2d. Battalion of His Majesty's Royal Regiment before the Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. It is in reply to the Military Auditor Generals Letter of the 18th. of January to the Honorable the Governor in Council and a Paragraph of your Letter of the 21st. of that Month, addressed to the Military Auditor General, which accompanied

Your

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your Letter of the same date to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, the two former of which were by His Excellency's desire transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Stewart.

3. His Excellency is of opinion that the Claims of the 2d. Battalion Royal Regiment, are well supported by the Lieutenant Colonel's Letter

Commander in Chiefs Office 6th. February 1808.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Macpherson

Mil.y Secry.

To

Captain MacPherson

Military Secretary to

His Excellency

The Commander in Chief

Sir,

&c. &c. &c.

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 1st. Instant, with the accompanying papers therein

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therein mentioned, for my Guidance. In reply to which, I beg leave to State, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the 2d. Battalion of the Royal did Garrison duty, at Fort Cornwallis. Mounting Guards. Sitting Garrison Courts Martial - and Committees of Survey, along with the Honorable Company's Troops, in Consideration of which, the Battalion was ordered by that Government to receive the Same Allowances.

Fully relying upon that order, it never was conceived that any retrenchment could afterwards take place; - And indeed, without those Allowances, neither Officer nor Soldier could have Subsisted.

With regard to the Tent Allowance, I am well assured that if The Honorable the Gover-nor, and Council, were aware of the nature of the

accommodation

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accommodation provided for a few of the Officers that were necessarily obliged to be near the men, and the very great expence and inconvenience the other Officers obliged to find Lodgings at a distance from the Lines were put to, attending their duty; I am Convinced there would be no hesitation in granting it, particularly, as the Honorable Company's Officers who were only doing the same duty, did receive it — without from their fixed Situation incurring the same expence, or being Subject to the same inconvenience —

I therefore trust that His Excellency the Commander in Chief will have the goodness to take the Situation of the Officers into Consideration, And use his best endeavours to do away the intended Retrenchments from the Allowances the Battalion received at Prince of Wales' Island, by the orders of that Government —

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Wallajahbad 3d February 1808.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed Archd Stewart

Lt Colonel Royals

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that the Officers of the 2d Battalion of the Royal be permitted to draw Full Batta while employed on Garison duty at Prince of Wales' Island, and that such of them as incurred expense in providing themselves with Quarters at that Settlement be permitted on pledging their words of honor to that effect to draw the usual Allowance for House rent.

George Strachey Esquire

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that you will be pleased to lay the accompanying letters and Contingent

From the same with a request from Lieut Wilson of the 2d Regt of Native Infantry to be indemnified for certain Charges incurred for the benefit

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benefit of the sick of some Native Detachments. —

-gent Charge from Lieutenant Wilson, of the 2d Native Infantry Regiment, before the Honorable the Governor in Council, in order that authority may be given to the proper department, to pass it, Should there be nothing objectionable in the claim—

Commander in Chief's Office 6th February 1808—

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

/Signed/ Wm. Macpherson—
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To The Military Secretary
of His Excellency

Sir, The Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of an Application made by me, on the 30th April 1806 to the Commanding Officer of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force requesting to be reimbursed Cer-tain Sums I had expended on the public Account; and along with the Copy, a Letter from Captain Conway

Deputy

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Deputy Adjutant General of that Division, which gave Cover to it.

As Captain Conway mentions that my application had been Sanctioned by Lieute-nant Colonel Lang, and by him also recommended to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, I hope the period Since elapsed will be no impediment to its being passed but, if it Should, I request you will Submit to the Consideration of his Excellency whether Such delay can be at all imputed to me.

In addition to the latter part of my application, I beg leave to State Some circum-Stances for His Excellency's information which may induce him to recommend an allowance for me, as nearly, as possible adequate to the expence incurred in Carrying the Sick of the Detachments from the 1st and 2d Battalions of the 11th Regiment I was, marching through a Country naturally hostile to

Strangers,

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Stangers, and where every Civil Request to be furnished with the necessary Carriage for the Sick was treated with Contempt, and not Satis= =fied with thwarting my endeavours by other = means, I was frequently opposed by open force.

The Orders for my Speedy arrival at Hyderabad being urgent, / as shewn in an Extract of Captain Conways' Letter now enclosed, / and from the many obstacles thrown in my way, I was occupied the whole day, after arriving at the new ground of Encampment, in procuring Carriage for the Sick. This being my daily employment I had no time to Keep an account of Expences; and no person to do it for me, I trust therefore that his Excellency will recommend my being allowed to draw the regulated Daily allowance of two Com= =panies for the above detachment from the 15th to the 30th of April 1806, the former being the day

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on which the allowance, for carrying Sick expired in the above mentioned Battalions of the 11.th Regi-ment. This I hope will not appear unreasonable, when It is considered that those Details amount-ed nearly to the Strength of two companies as they then Stood in their respective Battalions.— that they were all convalescents or actually Sick— and that I only get Such allowance /if granted/ during the actual period of movement—

Cantonment near Bangalore 26.th January 1808

/Signed/ F. W. Wilson. Lieut.t 2 Batt.n 2.d Regiment Native Infantry.

To the Deputy Adjutant General Hydrabad Subsidiary Force.

Sir,

I beg you will State to the Officer Commanding the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force, that during the Period of my Commanding at Ad-

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junta from the 1st of November 1805. to the 21st
March 1806. the want of Medical Assistance ren-
-dered it necessary for me to employ the Assistance
of a Native whom I accidentally found at that Post,
on an allowance of Five Star Pagodas per Month,
and the expence of Country Medicines disbursed by me
amounted to forty Pagodas.- The circumstance of
my Detachment being formed by Details of Convales-
-cents Men will I trust shew the necessity of this
Expence, and induce the Commanding Officer to recom-
-mend My being Reimbursed.

I also beg you will state that I
was at the Expence of Carriage for the Sick from Ad-
-junta to this place, and the Officers Commanding
the two Battalions of the 11th Regiment having ceased
to draw the Contract for the Carriage of Sick on the
15th April precludes My Charging them with the Expence
from that date to the 29th Instant which day I
arrived

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arrived here; I therefore trust I may be allowed to
draw the regulated allowance to cover this Charge.

Camp near /Signed/ F. W. Wilson
Hoosain Saugur Lieutenant 2d Battalion
31st April 1806. /A true Copy/ 2d Regiment Native Infantry.
/Signed/ T. H. S. Conway
Deputy Adjt. General

To Lieutenant Wilson.
2nd Battalion 2d Regiment.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of your letter of the 10th - - and to en-
-close .... Copy of the Letter Required, which was cer-
-tainly enclosed to the Commander in Chiefs' Secretary
on the Sixth of May 1806. with your other Contingent
Bill + The Charges alluded to in your Letter of
the 30th April 1806. had the Sanction of the Command-
-ing Officer of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force.

/Lieutenant

N.B. That was a Bill for airing piece, It has been paid & paid long ago. /Signed/ F.W. Wilson Lieut.

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/Lieutenant Colonel Lang/ by whom they were recommended to the Consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and would no doubt have been admitted and passed, had they not by some accident been laid aside-

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Secunderabad 31st Decr 1807-

/Signed/ T. H. S. Conway.
(Dep.t Adj.t Genl

Camp at Deigloor
31st March 1806.

To Lieutenant Wilson
Commanding a Detachment on its March
to Hydrabad via Khair.

Sir,

"Your early arrival at Hydrabad is of Consequence, and I am directed to desire you will make no unnecessary delay- I inclose a Dustuck directing every assistance to be given you for the Conveyance of your Sick, for which you will pay and charge the expence to Officers commanding Corps.

/Signed/

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Deputy Adjutant /Signed/ T. H. S. Conway.
General's Office Deputy adjt. Genl.
Hydrabad Subd. Force. /A true Extract/
/Signed/ F. W. Wilson.
Lieut. & Batt. 2 Regiment

To Captain W. McPherson.
Military Secretary &c.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter, containing the Orders of His Excellency the Commander in Chief concerning my Claims, I would have forwarded a bill along with my original applic-ation, but had been informed that the Authority of Government was necessary to my obtaining permission to send in such a bill; and it was this permission my letter was intended to Request -

With regard to carrying the Sick I did myself the honor to explain my reasons for not keeping

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an account of the Expence incurred on that Occasion, and Submitted an allowance to the Consideration of His Excellency, which appeared to me as nearly equal to the Sum disbursed, As the Honorable the Governor in Council would grant me without such account. I have therefore, in the bill charged Eighteen Pagodas (equal to the dooly allowance of two Companies for half a Month) for carrying the Sick of the aforesaid Detachments from the 15th to the 30th April 1806. as far as this Amount I am positively Certain, and am well persuaded that the Actual Expence exceeded that Sum by a good deal, as may be easily conceived when all the Circumstances are taken into consideration. The Charge for Country medicines, is for Wines and Brandy which I was obliged to procure from Camp, and the exorbitant prices they then Sold at is well Known -

Cantonment of Bangalore
2d February 1808 -

I have the honor to be &c &c
/Signed/ J. H. Wilson. Lieut 2d B. 2d Regt

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr.

Abstract of contingent allowances to Lieutenant F. W. Wilson 2d. Battalion 2d. Regiment, N.I. commanding a Detachment from the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force.

	Amount	Total one of each	Total of Abstract
For furnishing a Native Doctor to the Detachment under my Command ...	25	25	"
Dr. ..... Country Medicines to ... Dr. from 1st Nov. 1805 to 29th April 1806	40	40	"
To carrying the Sick of the Detachment from the 1st and 2d Brs. of the 11th Regiment from the 15th to the 29th April 1806 Inclusive	18	18	"
Total Star Pags. Eighty three		83	"

To

Paymaster

I Lieutenant F. W. Wilson late Commanding a Detachment from the Hyd. Sub. Force do in the most Solemn Manner Certify on my Honor that the Charges above Stated were absolutely and indispensably necessary for the Carrying on of the Public Service, the rates Charged are the lowest that could possibly be obtained, and that Consistent with the particular enquiries which I have considered it my duty to make, no advantage is derived from the transaction by any Individual in the Service.

(Signed) F. W. Wilson Lieut. 2d Batt. 2d Regt. N.I.

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Order thereon

Ordered that the above Letter from Lieutenant Wilson of the 2d. Regiment of Native Infan. = try be referred to the Military Auditor General for con = sideration and report.

From the Quarter Master General states the necessity of appoint = ing a Non-Commissi. = oned Officer to take Charge of the Elephants of their several Stations.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

The Regulations of the Service direct the Public Elephants to be Stationed at the Head Quarters, and placed under the Superintendance of the Quarter Masters, of the Regiments to which they are attached, but as Supplies of forage can seldom be pro = cured at the Stations occupied by European Regiments, it has been found necessary to detach the Elephants to places about 20 or 30 Miles distant from those Stations a circumstance which removes them from the imme = diate Superintendance of the Quarter Masters. The dis. = honesty for which the Native Attendants of the Ele. = phants are notorious renders it entirely inexpedient to

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to entrust the feading of those Animals to their Charge, and the Commander in Chief is desirous of placing a careful Non Commissioned Officer at the Station of the Elephants for the purpose of Superintending their Subsistence and care, This measure will materially contribute to the efficiency and health of the Public Elephants and Camels, but it will occasion an immediate expence of about 12 Pagodas each Month as it will be necessary to allow full Batta to the Non Commissioned Officers. That expence will however be much more than compensated by the saving which will result from an efficient Superintendance of the Elephants, and the Commander in Chief has desired me to express a hope that the Government will sanction the payment of the full Batta of 1:15:12 P. F. C. to each Non Commissioned Officer who may be detached from his Regiment, by proper authority in Charge

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of Public Cattle

Quarter Master Generals Office Fort St. George 5th February 1808

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

(Signed) J. Munro

D. M. General.

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be authorised to appoint a Non Commissioned Officer to the Charge of the Elephants at each Station on the Allowance proposed to be granted for that duty.

Report of the D. Master General - Relative to the insalubrity of Prince of Wales Island as a Station for Troops newly arriving from Europe. -

Report from the Quarter Master General

The Quarter Master general in his reports of the 10th and 21st of September last stated the Considerations which urged the propriety of adopting early measures for the removal of the 2d Battalion of the Royal from the Island of Penang. The opinions contained in those Reports were founded upon information obtained from the 30th Regiment and

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their justness has been confirmed by the unhealthi-
-ness of the 2d. Battalion of the Royal during its resi-
-dence at Prince of Wales's Island. The 30th Regiment
lost some Men at Penang, and the very Serious sick-
-ness which it experienced immediately after its arival
on the Coast was ascribed to the insalubrity of that
Island; and the Royal lost 30 Men during the short
time which it passed at Penang, it left 50 Sick men
there, and brought One hundred to the Coast - The ac-
-companying Reports from the Commanding Officer and
the Surgeon of the Royal describe some of the causes
which occasioned the unhealthiness of that Corps.

It is unnecessary to state the con-
-siderations that render it expedient to station a Euro-
-pean Regiment on its first arrival in India at a
place favorable to the health of the Men, and af-
-fording accommodations, Provisions and attendants
of a proper description. In all these respects Prince

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of Wales's Island appears to be an improper Station for European Troops unseasoned to the Country - Ma-ny reasons exist for believing that the Climate at Penang is unhealthy; The Provisions and accommodations which it affords to European troops are Stated to be extremely bad, and the impossibility of procuring attendants on the Island for the men renders it nec-essary that they Should be frequently exposed to the Sun. - These circumstances, together with the Sickness and loss of men Sustained by the 30th. Regiment and the 2d. Battalion of the Royal, induce the Commander in-Chief to express a hope that it will be found practi-cable in future to avoid the measure of Sending any of the Regiments destined for India to Prince of Wales's Island.-

Quarter Master Genl's Office, Fort St. George. 6th. February 1808.-

/Signed/ J. Munro.
Quarter Master General.
Lieutenant.-

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Lieutenant Colonel Nicholson.

Deputy Adjutant General.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, desiring I would give as circumstantial an account as possible of the cause occasioning the uncommon sickness which prevailed in the 2d Bn. of the Royal during its stay at the Prince of Wales's Island.

Beg leave to state for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the Battalion arrived at Penang after a passage of five Months, without touching at any intermediate Port; about Sixty Men were landed sick, Chiefly, Scurvy, and Scorbutic Ulcers, and sent to the General Hospital, and many of the others had the disease slightly — The

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The Government of the Prince of Wales's Island being entirely unprepared for the reception of so great a Number of European Troops, the Battalion was marched about three Miles from George-Town and accommodated in tem-porary Sheds very much out of repair — With respect to victualling, the Men received daily one pound of Buffaloe Beef which was very bad, but the only meat that could be procured and one pound of good Bread with two drams of Arrac, coffee for Breakfast and Vegitables to make Soup were procured from the Bazar - On the subject of the particular dis-ease with which the men were attacked, I enclose a let which the Surgeon has wrote at my desire - I think it nec-essary further to state, that Col. MacAlister did every thing in his power to render the situation of both Officers and Men as Comfortable as possible, and in my opinion the Prince of Wales's Island is a very improper place to land Troops immediately arrived from Europe

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

Wallajahbad 30th Dec. 1807.

Signed Archd. Stewart.
Lt. Col. Royal.
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Stewart

Commanding 2d. Battalion Royal

Wallajahbad

Sir,

In giving you an account of the State of the health of the men of the 2d. Battalion Royal during their Stay at Prince of Wales's Island, I have to remark that the most prevalent and indeed almost the only disease which appeared among them were Bowel complaints, often of a mild Nature but in a great many cases preceded by Fever and generally terminated in Confirmed Dysentery. a very Considerable Number also were afflicted with Men scratching their Legs and unable to resist the itching sensation produced by Mosquetoe bites, which from their highly inflamatory habits degenerated into the most extensive & angrenous ulcers. With Respect to the probable and apparent causes.

which

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which seemed to have produced the disease, I have to observe in the first place that a great number of men from the length of the voyage had suffered from Scurvey, and besides those landed ill of the disease many of the others had acquired a Scorbutic Habit, and Certainly a great predisposing Cause of dis-ease — That we were unfortunate enough to arrive during the rainy Season, that the Barracks or rather Sheds in which the Men were lodged were extremely ill Calculated both from their Situation and Construction for the accommodation of Troops newly arrived from Europe, So that the Men were Completely exposed to the action of heat and Moisture which is Known to be more powerful in Situations where there is little or no

Cultivation

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Cultivation and Surrounded by Brush-wood or what in this County is termed Jungle.— That the Men Suffered from the want of proper nourishing Diet so necessary to recruit them after a tedious voyage, coarse Buffalo Beef to which they had an utter aversion was the only Meat that could be procured, Vegetables were tolerably plenty but the men unaccustomed to the earthern vessels used in this country for cooking, and it being impossible to procure natives for this Duty, their messes were very ill cooked and the quantity of Soup extremely Small.

The eating of unripe Fruit of which the Men were certainly fond and the intemperance of some in the use of Arack may have induced the disease in Several of them, but as the Men, Women and Children were indiscriminately attacked, this Cant be held forth as

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One of the principal causes of disease. — Con-
-siderable stress has been laid on the noxious
quality of the water used by the Men which
was procured from a river in the Neighbour-
-hood of the Barracks, it was certainly not of
the purest Kind being impregnated with vege-
-table and earthy matter, and therefore could
Not be Considered as absolutely whole-some —

Wallajahbad.
29th December 1807.

I have the honour to be.
&c &c &c
/Signed/ James Davidson.
Surgeon 2d Batt.
Royal.

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the foregoing
and two former Reports of the Quarter Master
General of the Army relative to the insalubri-
-ty of Prince of Wales' Island be brought to
the notice of the Honorable the Court of
Directors

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Directors by the present Dispatch.-

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir Fort St. George

From the Asst. Genl. Major General Pater requests an extension of his Furlough, and Lt. Chambers leave to Europe on Sick Certificate. Promotion of Artillery Officers recommended, applications for Lord Clives Fund submitted.-

I am directed by his Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council the following Applications from Military Officers-

From Lieutenant Chalmers of the 2d Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry attached to the Pioneers Soliciting permission to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate, the Necessary Vouchers accompanies this application-

From Major General Pater requesting to be permitted to remain at the Presidency till the 20th of the present Month-

The Relative Rank and dates of Commissions of the following Officers of Artillery being

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being yet unsettled in the orders of the Army, and the information Received from Europe regarding Mr. Kitchen's Capture on his passage to India, giving the necessary grounds for determining this point with accuracy, the Commander in Chief recommends that their Rank and place in the Corps of Artillery may be now fixed in Conformity with the instructions of the Honorable the Court of Directors and the date of vacancy.

Mr. Kitcher not arrived /but Prisoner in France/ to be Lieutenant vice Gahagon promoted, date of Rank 11th. May 1806.

Lieutenant Fireworker J. Brett to be Lieutenant vice Burton promoted 31st. May 1806.

Lieutenant Fireworker F. F. Baske to be Lieutenant date of Rank 19th. October 1806.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Fireworker J. N. Abdy

to be Lieutenant, date of Rank 5th. November 1806

I am further directed by Lieutenant General Macdowall to request that you will submit to the Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying applications for Lord Clive's Bounty.

To the Widow of Mr. John Butler late Sub Assistant Surgeon, and to Aurora Levett the widow of Michael Levett late Matross in the 2d. Battalion of Artillery.

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3d. February 1808

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) F. Casper Adjt. Genl.
of the Army.

To The Honorable
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

Inclosed I have the honor of
transmitting

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transmitting to you a Surgeon's Certificate Stating that it is necessary for me to proceed to Europe for the recovery of my health, and may I request that you will be pleased to take the same into your Consideration and permit me to proceed with the first Ships.

Camp near Madras 1st. February 1808.- (Signed) Thos. Chambers Lieut. 2d. Batt. Pioneers.

We Henry Harris and Richard C. Sherwood Surgeons do hereby declare on oath - that We are of opinion it is absolutely necessary that Lieutenant Thomas Chambers of the 2d. Battalion of Pioneers should leave this country and go to Europe for the recovery of his health.-

Sworn to at Madras this 28th. Jany. 1808.- (Signed) Henry Harris M.D. " R. C. Sherwood. Surgeons.

Before me (Signed) R. Maitland Justice of Peace.

To

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To the Honorable

Sir George Hillaro Barlow: KB/S.

President in Council and Governor

Sir, &c. &c. &c.

My Leave to reside at the Presiden-
-cy for the Space of One Month having Nearly
Expired, and finding that my Private Concerns
require my Presence there Still Some little time
longer. Induces me to take the Liberty of Soli-
-citing the Extension of your Indulgence to honor
me with Permission to do So Until the 20th of
this Month.

I have the honor Most Res-
-pectfully to be,

Sir, &c. &c. &c.

Madras
1st February 1808.

/Signed/ Pater.

Major General Commanding
the Ceded districts.

Resolved

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Resolutions there-on

Resolved that Major General Pater be permitted to remain at the Presidency until the 20th Instant, that Lieutenant Chambers of the 6th Regiment of Native Infantry be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate, and that the Rank of the Officers of Artillery mentioned in the foregoing Letter be fixed in General Orders, as recommended by the Commander in Chief.

The Board presume, as the Commander in Chief has not submitted the usual Certificates on behalf of the Widows mentioned in the foregoing Letter, that a doubt has occurred to him respecting their legal claim to the benefit of Lord Clives Fund. Resolved therefore that the applications of the Two Widows be returned to the Commander in Chief, and that He be requested to consult the Advocate General

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-nal on both cases.-

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

Medical Proceed. -ings and Orders - thereon Mr. MacKay recommended and ~~refused~~ to be transferred to the Invalid Establishment.

Resolution of the Go. -vernor in Council - 9th. February 1808.

Medical Board. 1st. February 1808.

At the Request of Mr. Surgeon Edward Mac. -Kay of the Pension Estab. -lishment, the Medical Board have the honor to forward to His Excellency

The Board have the Commander in Chief. expressed their regret to an address with certain the Commander in - documents from that Gen. Chief, that they cannot -tleman, supported by a Comply with the Re- Letter from the Superin. -quest submitted in - tending Surgeon of the these Southern Division

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By Order of closed

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be deemed a fit object for his Ex-

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lid, instead of the Pension Esta-

blishment.

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson.
Physician General

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

And.w Berry.
3d Member Med.l Board.

James

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James Anderson Esqr. P. G. &c. &c.

Members of the Medical Board.

Gentlemen.

In Conformity with the instructions Conveyed to Me, by your Letter of the 7th. Instant I forwarded the Papers which accompanied it, to Mr. Surgeon Mackay, of the Invalid Establishment.

They have again been Returned to me, by that Gentlemen, with an apology for the error he had unintentionally Committed, in not transmitting them through the Regular Channel, to your Board.

The facts stated in Mr. Mackays' Memorial to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, Relative to his professional Services, appear to me Correct, as far at least, as my personal Knowledge and Recollection of them enable me to judge.

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What he Represents, Regarding a Wife and nu-
-merous family, and a Father in Law to support,
on very Slender allowances, I am happy to bear
Testimony to the truth of, from very Recent and oc-
-cular demonstration - The difficulties he Complains
of, and with which he must daily have to Strug-
-gle, are Real, and numerous. They are such as Render
him an Object of Compassion, and entitle him
to the humane and benevolent attention of Go-
-vernment. all the Gentlemen, whose Attestation
-ons Mr. Mackay forwards to your Board, make
favorable mention of his Character and Conduct
to me, on my late visit to Negapatam. -

I am therefore induced to hope,
and Request, that, your Board will Recommend to
His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and to
Government, that such additional allowance,
may be granted to Mr. Mackay, as shall ap-
-pear

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appear to it just and reasonable. I have the ho-
nor to forward herewith the Papers alluded
to. And to Remain.

Palamcottah Gentlemen.
22.d January 1808. &c.a &c.a

/signed/ Alex.r Watsons M.D.
S. Surgeon. S. Division

/True Copy/
/signed/ Wm.o Horsman.
Sec.y to Med.l Board.

To His Excellency
Lieutenant Gen.l Kay. MacDowall
&c.a &c.a

The Memorial of Mr. Surgeon
Edward MacKay.

Your Memorialist has for a series
of time past labourd under difficulties which
have

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have been only known to himself, in endeavour-
-ing to support a very large Family, and which
he now finds incompatible with his means,
but was resolved rather than Complain, to work
against. So long as circumstances admitted. A
very large Family - the encumbrance of an aged
Father in Law / who has no other means of sup-
-port / as well as a Sister in Law the Widow of
the late Lieutenant Colonel English and a Daugh-
-ter of the late Doctor Barbés, fall heavy
on my hands, and I cannot deny them my ass-
-istance and support, they being otherwise to-
-tally unprotected.

Your Excellency will be hopes
pardon any transgression should the detail
of his Injuries take up a more Voluminous
page than he could otherwise wish, but such
has been the nature of his grievances, that not

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to detail the whole, would only tend to lead a=

=Stray —

Your Memorialist has been in India since the Year 1788 and came out to his Ma. jestys 72d. Regiment were finding, that he was superceded / by a Mate being appointed during his Passage / and the Surgeon of the Ship on which he Came to India having got the Surgeoncy by exchange / he then being on the half Pay of another Regiment / Naturally sought to better his Situation. An opportunity soon offered by getting into the Companys Service, no prospect appearing of getting on in his Regiment.

His assiduity and attention during a time that he himself was very Ill, led Colonel Archibald Brown then Captain Brown Command=ing the 1st. Battalion Native Infantry at Tan=jore to recommend him in the strongest terms

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to Doctors Anderson and Duffin, and the Army being then about to take the Field, was Consi-dered as a favourable opportunity of getting into the Honorable Company's Service, which was effected on the 1st of March 1790.

Your Memorialist begs leave to ob-serve that he was at the memorable Battle of Sattemungalum, after which he was sent into Coimbatore with all the Sick and wounded of that Detachment, and during a period of two Months was left in Charge of the whole of the Sick and wounded Natives in number nearly 200 with No other assistance than one native, and re-ceived the thanks of most of the Commandants for his care and attention, tho' at the same time he Considered he only did his duty, yet having been able to fulfil that with so large a num-ber was gratifying to his feelings

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After the Battle of the 15th. of May 1791. your Memorialist had several amputations to perform the succeeding morning, and from the impoverished manner the poor Sepoys were then fed, was the means of getting the whole of the wounded Sepoys put on the same allowance of Rice as Europeans, in con-sequence of a letter which he wrote to Captain Brown who commanded the 1st. Battalion Native Infantry and which was forwarded to Marquis Cornwallis—

That your Memorialist during a period of nearly two years at Negapatam tho' himself very ill, at the time was Constantly called upon. But he need not appeal to any more than the Commanding Officer of the Station and a respectable Military Character which is Colonel Croker, and who have been eye-witnesses

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witness's of every part of his Conduct since he has been a Resident at this Station —

That your Memorialist was the, first who introduced the Vaccine disease into Negapatam, from a subject which was brought from Jaffnapatam by the Honorable Mr Tournor and inoculated every European (one excepted which was a Child of Mr. Macleod's and which on his departure for Bengal was followed up by Doctor Foley of Tranquebar —

I will not presume to trespass on your Excellency's time by any detail of the numbers &c but in the event of being called upon, trust, I shall be able to acquit myself —

That your memorialist in consequence of his very ill state of health, had determined to apply to get on the Invalid establishment and had applied to his friends at Madras

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Madras to know if such was practicable, and which was answered in the affirmative, but being willing to put off such an event as long as possible de- fer it, till alas too late, an unfortunate event having taken place between Mr. Hunt and him- self was the Cause of all his present distresses, and which he can with Justice avow he was led into by the Infamy of his (Mr. Hunts) Conduct in More than One Instance; and will only trouble your Excellency by mentioning one - That he not on- ly accused me of attempting to Poison Doctor Spald- ing, but having robbed him of his Money, instead of which I was the means of saving his life, a thing well known to Lieutenant Lober and avowed by the late Doctor Foley of Tranquebar wherein he not only attacked my Honour, but had his vile machi- nations taken place, might have affected my life-

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his extreme impertinence led me into an act of error which ought to have been settled in any other way than that which he adopted, the consequence was that he appealed to the Commander in Chief, thro' the Medium of private agents and I received a letter from the Adjutant General, accusing me of Midnight riots and Inebriety and immediately removing me from the 1st. Battalion of my Regiment to the 2d. at Poonah which determined me in my former purpose — but Sir, I appeal to you what was my surprise to find myself Pensioned on 50 Pagodas per Mensum —

If in my application I applied for the Non effective instead of the Invalid List and such was Considered an Error I can only trust that it will be Considered an error in Judgement but which in Reality I ever Considered as one and the same thing.

Your

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Your Memorialist has daily before his Eyes two Instances in Captains Brown and Wainhouse who have been allowed to retire on the Invalid list neither of which served the Honorable Company so long as he has, indeed the latter was not more than Eight or Nine Years in the Service— Your Memorialist could advance many more instan-ces, were men have been allowed that Indulgence which was Refused him; and one in particular Doc-tor Polland who was only Eleven Years in the Service when he was allowed to retire, and that in Consequence of Drunkenness—

Your Memorialist has ever fulfilled the duties of his Station since he has been in the Service, and has been on every Service since his Ar-rival, independant of Volunteering for the ~~[illegible]~~ the Mauritius in 1795-6— and during the whole of

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of his Service was never once called to Account for his Conduct.

Your Memorialist can further add that in 1800 he was ordered to join a Detachment of Cavalry and Artillery under the Command of Major General Dougald Campbell on their March from Madras to Gootie, and that when he was relieved and about quitting the Dett. was privately as well publicklly thanked for his attention - a Circumstance which is well known to Lieutenant Colonel Floyer / then Major of Brigade to the Detachment /

Your Excellency is I believe acquainted with the Nature of your Memorialist's health having granted him leave to go to Sea from the emergency of his Complaint, and this permission which he afterwards obtained from Government / which still exists / will he hopes corroborate what he

has

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has advanced, Your Memorialist still labours under Pulmonic affection, the remains of repeated attacks of the Liver which was never brought on by any Imprudence of his own, but merely from the unhealthy situations which he was placed in and which rendes him incapable of turning his mind to any other pursuit.

Your Memorialist is well aware that he has many Enemies, to Combat with at Madras and many of whom he has never had the Honor of being known to, among a number of Instances begs to tell one circumstance. That an Assistant Surgeon Joining his Corps in passing Pyacottah during the time that Colonel Lighton Commanded publickly declared at his Table that I had Struck my Commanding Officer on his Parade repeatedly, and in other respects endeavoured to depriciate my Character but on being taken up by Colonel English was silenced.

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I must now Sir appeal to your feelings, in how far such a Circumstance could occur, or what must have been the Situation of that Commanding Officer or mine.-

I allow Sir, that I ever did while in the Service Seek my rights, and endeavour to op-=pose oppression, but where is the man let his Situation be ever so Subordinate but is prone to the same.-

Your Memorialist has now laid be-=fore Your excellency the language of plain facts as will appear by the Accompanying Certificates, and trusts, that however prejudice might have led away the then Commander in Chief, Still hopes that his Case will be taken into Consideration and be the means of restoring him wherewith to Maintain his Numerous family.-

Your Memorialist has every thing

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to hope from your well Known humane Character,
as well as the liberal manner you have ever stepped
forward to relieve those in distress/ and which is
too plain must be my case now/ The call of a youth
/my Son/ who I wish to see brought up Suitable
to the manner in which he was Born, calls aloud for
every exertion I can use, and this I can only depend on
being effected by your very Kind Aid - Begs to Subscribe
himself

Your Excellency's very Obliged
Humble Servant

Signed Edward Mackay
Surgeon

Negapatam
23d December 1807.

To Mr Edward Mackay

Sir.

I am to acknowledge your letter in
-forming me of your intentions of addressing His Ex-
-allency

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-cellency the Commander in. Chief. with Respect to the Consequences of the Cause of the Complaint pre-ferred by Mr. Hunt. I fancy you were equally as deceived as the rest who attended our that marriage, out of Compliment to the Bride's Father, a Man of Rank and length of Service, who were positive-ly assured by the Bridegroom that the house was Solely His for the day — what happened was entirely owing to Mr. Hunts own Seeking - as for Midnight Riots I do not recollect ever to have heard your name brought in Question or to my Knowledge, few ever took place here, much more was said on that Subject than ever existed and which was urged on by others who ought to have held their Tongues —

When I arrived here from Madras in 1802., I found you and Family, laid all up with a Malignant Hill Fever and yourself with a dread-

-full

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= full Liver Complaint almost at Deaths Door,
and which afterwards did break inwardly; Not=
=withstanding, when you were able did you attend
all those that Sent for you and who had resorted
here for Change of Air and further Medicak Aid,
I had had Occular demonstration of your attention
and Assiduity to all Strangers but to my Self for
Some years, likewise of your Saving Mr. Spalding's
Life by my Calling you in and positively a Con=
Knowledge to me to be the Case by the late
Doctor Folly of Tranquebar - the Vaccination brought
by the Honble Mr. Turnour was introduced solely
by you (but one Subject a Child - Since I have
had the Command I have ever found your Conduct
that of Propriety and Decorum and so far from
Inebriety, I can Vouch no Such thing ever existed,
your being on that Constant State; but those
Assertions were not only to you, but others pro.
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propagated to my Knowledge to vent the Spleen of some who had no other way of Revenge — If Sir these Testimonies should prove any way Beneficial to words promoting your Object in View, I shall be highly gratified and wishing you every Success remain.

Negapatam
23. December 1807.

Your Obedient Servant
/Signed/ L. Sober.
Lieut. Commandg.

Edward. MacKay Esqre.

Dear Sir,

I have been favored with yours of the 19th Instant and in Reply, have to assure you that from my intimacy with you and your Family since your Arival in Negapatam 1802 — that I have experienced at different times in Illnesses your very great attention towards me, and have often heard it said, that you have been equally attentive

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to many others in and about Negapatam as you have called on me to express in how far I ever Knew you guilty of Inebriety or Midnight Riots, - I have to say to a Certainty, you have Conducted yourself as other Gentlemen in the place; and - had it been otherwise 'twould no doubt come to My Knowledge; you are at full liberty to call on me in any other respect which you may deem necessary and I remain -

Negapatam -
22 December 1807.

Dear Sir,
Yours Obediently -
/ Signed / Robt. Croker.

Dear Sir,

I have received your favor, and have much pleasure in stating that you afforded Medi- cal Aid to my family on the following Occasion -

When the vacine was brought from Ceylon in the year 1802 - one of My Children was inoculated -

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inoculated by you, and another Child in the year 1804. A Child of Mr. Timmons in consequence of an accident by which his Elbow was dislocated, was attended by you in my house with the greatest tenderness, and care. You also attended Lady Elizabeth Richardson at her last Confinement in this Country, besides on various other lesser occasions which I suppose it will not be necessary to particularize here. I have only to add that I observed in every instance great Consideration, care, and attention, and if this Statement is of any Service to you, it will afford Me much Satisfaction.

I remain

Dear Sir,

/Signed/ Frat. Richardson.

Medical

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22d. December 1807.

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Medical Proceedings—
In Reply to Orders
and a General Return
of the Sick for No-
-vember.

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Resolution of the Gs. Medical Board.

-vernor in Council— 1st. February 1808

9th. February 1808. The Medical Board have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Resolutions of the Honorable the Gover-nor in Council dated the 20th Ultimo on their Proceedings of the 18th. Ultimo in Com-pliance with which they will transmit immediate instructions to the Superin-tending Surgeon of the Ceded Districts, to make the best practicable provision for affording Medical Aid to the Prisoners Confined at Hoodicondah, until they shall

To be recorded
By Order of
the Right Honora-
-ble the Governor in
Council—
Signed/ G. Strachey
Sec.y to Govern.t

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Shall be otherwise disposed

of, under the new arrangement

for discontinuing that Zillah.

2. The Medical Board have

the honor to forward the Ge-

=neral Return of the Sick of

the Army for the Month of No-

=vember last.

/Signed/ Ja.s Anderson

Physician General.

" Terence Gahagan M.D

and 2.d Member Medical Board.

And.w Berry

3.d Member Md.l Board.

Read the following Letter from

the Town Major of Fort St. George.

To

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Fort St. George 9th February 1808.

To The Chief Secretary
to
Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, through you, for the consideration and Division of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Application from Mr. Auchinlock, Cadet, for an Advance of Pay, &c.a

From the Town Major applies for an advance of One months Pay, allowances for Mr Auchinlock's maintenance and an advance of Six months Pay for the purpose of providing him with a passage.

Mr. Auchinlock is the Cadet suspended from the Service, by the G. O. of Government, dated the 22d December, 1807. and ordered to be placed under my Charge, until an Opportunity occurs for Sending him to England.

When any Servant of the Honorable Company is suspended from the Service, I believe it is not usual to allow him the Pay or Allowances of his Rank; but I observe by a Certificate from the Pay Master in the Centre Division, dated the

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the 18th. of January last, subsequent to the Sus-
=pension, that Mr. Auchinlock had been consider-
=ed by him as entitled to those Advantages, and
had then actually received Pay for February, in ad-
=vance, and all other allowances for January. And
after such a Precident, I might perhaps be justified
in drawing the same Money for him, if he remain-
=ed in the Country until another Months Allowances
became due; but the Chance is, that he will have
embarked and sailed 'ere that Period arrives. And
I am fully satisfied, from Enquiries which I have
Made, as well as from the Statement in his own
Letter, that he is at present distressed for the
Means of supporting himself. The Allowance to
a Person under Restraint, in Common Cases, is so
Small, that it cannot well be offered to a Gentle-
=man, and under those Circumstances, perhaps an Ad-
=vance for a Sum equal to a Months Allowances
to

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to a Cadet, may be allowed to this Gentleman, who has Conducted himself with perfect Propriety since he Came under My Charge.

To save the Trouble of another applic-ation, I beg leave to request Now, that you will inform me whether Mr Auchinlock will be allow-ed the Advance of six Months' Pay, which was Sanctioned on the 13th of October last, for Officers who had resigned, or been dismissed from the Service, to enable them to provide some Accom-modation for themselves, on the Passage; or any Specific Sum, for that Purpose.

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c &c &c

[signed] R. Barclay

T. Major

Town Mayors Office

Fort Saint George

2 February 1808.

To

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To Captain Brown.

Sir, Fort St. George.

You would greatly oblige me, by allowing me to receive an Advance of pay having Spent all I had to defray my expences from Cudda-lore to Madras and now having none left to Kep myself as the Palanquen and Coolies took all I received to pay them, and am—

Sir,

Madras

January 31st 1808—

Your Obedient Servant.—

Signed/ Wm Auchinleck—

Cadet.—

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Town Major be permitted to draw on Account of Mr. Auchin-leck a Sum equal to a Cadets Pay and Allow-ances for One Month, and an Advance of Pay for Six Months for the purpose of providing that Gentleman with a passage on board one

of

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Of the Honorable Company's Ships under Dispatch.

Read the following Letters

from the Military Board.

To The Honorable

Sir George Barlow Bart. K.C.B.

Governor in Council.

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

From the Military Board - Report that the Elephants expected from Bengal complete the number agreed to be supplied by the Contractor - Submit the Engineer's report on the damage done to the powder Mills by the Storm, & recommend alterations in the Machinery - Submit an Estimate for a Regiment of Native Cavalry at Trichinopoly & State that they have stored grain at Vizagapatam for six Months

Honorable Sir.

1. We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from the Secretary of Government in the Military Department dated 6th Janu-ary, and to report that the necessary Orders have been given for the Survey of the Elephants expected from Bengal, and for transferring them to the Charge of the Agent under this Presidency.

2. The number of Elephants which the Contractor has despatched will Complete the Demand that was made in Consequence of our application

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application to Government under date 11th April
1803 and Should the Elephants be found of a
proper description, the Contract may be Considered
at an End.-

3 We have the honor to forward Copy of
a Letter from the Superintending Engineer at the
Presidency, Containing an account of the damage
which the Buildings &c.a at the new Powder
Mills Sustained from the late Hurricane, and
a Report of the Alterations which have been made
in the Machinery at the Suggestion of the Com-
-mittee which was appointed by Government in
Consequence of the Explosion-

4. As the Storm has afforded the
Most unequivocal Proof of the Stability of the
of the Buildings, we think it proper to note
the Circumstance; had they not been Constructe
in the best Manner they must have yielded
under

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under the Severe trial to which they were exposed.

5th We entertained hopes that it might have been found practicable to apply a Machine, which would have mixed the Composition in the Bed, without the intervention of manual labour, but the Failure of the numerous Experiments which have been made, induces us to apprehend that no means have yet been discovered, of performing this part of the Process without exposing the lives of Individuals to the risk of being blown up.

6 The immediate Cause of the Recent Explosions is still unknown, but as it may be attributed to the nature of the Composition which Constitutes the Cylenders and the Beds, we recommend that authority be given for Casting a Set of Implements of this descrip-

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-tion in pure Copper, according to the suggestion of the Engineer, in which Case the rebuilding of the Furnaces will be necessary.-

7- The Superintendent has been direct-
-ed to recommence the Manufacture of Gun Pow-
-der, of which Article there is at present a great
deficiency.-

8 We have the honor to submit
Plan and Estimate for Constructing a Place of
Arms with Offices for a Regiment of Native
Cavalry, at Trichinopoly, and we Recommend that
the work be authorized: the Estimate Amounts
to Pagodas 3,491. 34. 23.

9. We have the honor to Report,-
that we have directed the Garrison Storekeeper
at Vizagapatam to purchase Grain for the use
of the Troops equal to 6 Months Consumption;
we deemed this measure necessary as a Supply
of

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of Grain is required for the Troops; and we Considered it to be expedient at the present period, when the price of Grain in the Circars is lower than at any other Season: We therefore hope it will meet the approbation of Government.

Fort St. George
11th January 1808.

We have the honor to be,
Honourable Sir,
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants.

/Signed/ Hay Macdowall.
E. Trapaud.
Robt. Bell.
J. Munro.
P. Bruce.

To the Secretary to the
Military Board.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Your letter of the 16th November last

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last.—

I delayed making a Report on the Buildings &c.a at the New Powder Mills until the damage which they sustained by the late Hurricane should be Repaired, and which I am happy to state notwithstanding the exposed Situation of the Works, has not been so great as might have been expected from the violence of the Storm.—

The damage has been principally Confined to the Doors and Windows of the Buildings and Tiles on the Roofs, except the Shed for a Gram Plant Store which had its Northern Wall beat in; and the Shed Covering the Furnaces for Casting the Cylinders is entirely destroyed.. The Earthern Pipe for Conveying fresh Water to the Mills where it Crosses the Nullah North

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of the Powder Mills was washed away—

Previous to the Hurricane the im-
-proved Machinery of two of the Cylinder Mills were
completed, and the Pathways for the Bullocks
sunk; and the Rim of the beds raised in the
Manner suggested by the Committee appointed
to investigate the Cause of the late explosions.
The Superintendent of the Manufacture worked these
Mills ten Days with perfect Confidence.

Eleven Machines were made for
turning the Composition and all tried by Lieutenant
Bishop. but from the moist State of the Compo-
-sition adhering to the bed, they did not produce
the effect desired. they either dragged the whole
of the Composition after them or left a layer upon
the bed, and was a Machine to be made so as to
imitate the Motions of the hand, it would be so
Complicated in its Construction that it would be

Constantly

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Constantly getting out of order from the irregular Motion of the Cylinders; and I agree in opinion with the Superintendent of the Manufacture that it would be more liable to produce than prevent danger.

In the Mother Country where Machinery has been applied with the utmost success to perform the work of Men, Still I cannot learn that any other Mode than the Spatula has been tried to turn Gun Powder probably from the difficulty of Making a Machine to Answer the purpose without increasing the danger of the Operation.

It has been supposed by Gentlemen who are deemed Competent to judge from their long Study of Chemisty that Galvanism is a probable Cause of the explosions, but in order to ascertain the Cause beyond a doubt I beg leave

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to recommend that I may be permitted to Cast 2 Cylinders and a bed of pure Copper the only expense will be the Moulds, as I understand that I can be furnished with a sufficient quantity of Copper Cuttings from the Mint for this purpose: And as there is Reason to suppose that no explosion will happen with this Metal, if Common precautions are taken. The expense of Casting them will not be more than if Composed of Tin, Lead and Zink, the Composition Recommended by the Committee. Shall the Board approve of this proposition I request permission to Rebuild the Furnaces which were destroyed by the Storm.

Independent of the importance of discovering the Metal best liable to produce ignition in the Manufacture of Gun Powder, humanity demands that every exertion Should be Made to ascertain this desireable Object.

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In the mean time I recommend that the Superintendent be directed to proceed with the Manufacture of Gun Powder in the two Mills which are Completed, also with the other two as Soon as the approved Axels are Cast; So that when the proposed Cylinders are Ready it will only be necessary to Stop one Mile for the purpose of changing the Cylinders.

Fort St. George
1th January 1808.

/Signed/ Thos. Fraser.
Sup.t Engineer.

A true Copy.
/Signed/ St.t. Swaine.
Act.g M. B.

Probable.

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Probable Estimate of the Expense of Constructing a Place of Arms for a Regiment of Native Cavalry at Trichinopoly, Consisting of Six Troops, Agreeably to the Accompanying Plan, Elevation and Section.

Measurement. Length	Breadth	Thickness	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
			Prices. Pagodas	Fanams.	Cash
			Place of Arms of one of the Ranges.		
344	3..	2 "	2064 "		Foundation —
344	7.6	1.6 "	3870 "		Wall above Dº
34	9.6	1.6 "	482½ "		Gable Ends.
48.	3.3	2.3 "	351 "		Foundation for 16 Piers.
192.	2.6	1.6 "	720 "		16 Piers above Dº
26	3..	2.9 "	214½ "		Foundation for 8 Piers of Center.
136	2.6	2.. "	680 "		8 Piers above Dº —
28.6	2.6	1.9 "	124 11/16 ...		Foundation of the Partition Walls.
28.6	7.6	1 " "	213 3/4 —		Wall above Dº
28.6	4.9	1 " "	135 3/16 —		
			885 13/16 "		
			396 "		Deduct Doors and Window ways.
			Total 846 13/16		Brick work in Chunam ------ " 2 10 ƒ⁶ ƒᵗ 428 5 28
96	16	16 "	216 "		Arch work in Chunam ------ " 3 15 ƒᶜ ƒᵗ 16 16 40
344	15 "		5160 "	"	
34	19 "		646 "	"	
28	15 "		420 "	"	
28	9.6 "		266 "	"	
192	8. "		1536 "	"	
136	9.		1224 "	"	
Total —			9252 "	"	Pointing in Chunam ------ " 16 " ƒᵗ ƒᵗ 35. 10 25.
139.	44.		6116 "	"	Roofing with Country wood Rafters Bonds 5 Rows Rafters Nails flat & Pan Tiles Chunam Ridges " " ƒᵗ ƒᵗ 305. 33 48.
135	34.		4590 "	"	Filling in with Earth and Flooring with Jelly 1 " " ƒᵗ ƒᵗ 45. 37 64. and Clay ------
					Excavating the Foundation ------ 10 — —
					Carried over ------ 861. 19 45.

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Measurement. Length	Breadth.	Height	Superficial Feet	Cubical Feet	Cubic Yards.		Prices. Pagodas	Fanams.	Cash.	Pagodas	Fanams.	Cash.	Pagodas
						Brought Over. Pagodas				841	19	45	
114	5	5	"	"	"	Country wood Breast Summers					25	"	"
6	3.6	"	136	"	"	6 Doors and frames each		"	11	"	Ft. Sf.	33	"
4	3.3	"	153	"	"	12 Window Shutters and frames		"	9	"	Dt.	32	33
												932	10
						Total of 3 Ranges						2796	31
						Sergeants Quarters, Stable for Sick Horses &c.							
238	3.	2.3	"	1661/2	"	Foundation.							
2388	1.6	"	3836	"	"	} wall above.							
170	66.	1.6	"	1657/2	"								
57.	2.3	2.3	"	3321/2	"	Foundation for 19 Piers.							
160	1.6	1.6	"	360	"	20 Piers above Do.							
9	"	2.9	2.9	"	68	"	Foundation for 3 Center Piers.						
42	2	"	"	168	"	3 Piers above Do.							
Total				7006/2	"	Brick Work in Chunam			"	2	10	7035	16
238	16	"	3808	"	"								45.
176	12	"	1840	"	"								
160	6	"	960	"	"								
42	8	"	336	"	"								
Total				6944	"	Pointing in Chunam			"	16	"	Ft. Sf.	26
1452	8	"	4060	"	"	Roofing with County wood Rafters Bamboo Tee pers Nails and Pan Tiles			5	"	"	Do.	19
240	"	"	240	"	"	County wood Breast Summers						48	"
75	10	"	750	"	"	Flooring Sergeants Quarters with Wall Buck in Chunam			1	21.	"	Ft. Sf.	11
140	10	"	1400	"	"	Flooring the Stable with Jelly and Clay			1.	"	"	Do.	22
Total				2290	"								21.
6	3	"	90	"	"	5 Doors and frames each.							
3	26	"	234	"	"	3 Window Shutters and frames each.							
Total				1171/2	"				"	11	"	Ft. Sf.	29
												19.	40
												695	2
						Pagodas						3.4934.	23

Fort St. George
3 October 1807.

/Signed/ E. Kapaud.
CE.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ H. T. Swaine.
A. D. C. B.

To.

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To The Honorable

Sir George H. Barlow Bt KB

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honorable Sirs,

From the Military Board - Report a large quantity of the Garrison Stores to be Unserviceable; and Submit remarks on the Subject - Suggest that the Garrison Storekeeper should not be otherwise employed, and that the Salt provisions should be stored in a particular manner: Also that a Contract for the supply of Meat should be finally concluded with Scott land Co. at Calcutta.

1 ---------- We are much Concerned to State that upon a Minute examination of the Stores in the Provision Department, a large proportion of the Articles of value has been found to be totally unserviceable, altho' in the Returns received in the Month of September last they are Reported to be in good Condition

2d On the 17th of December we Called upon the Garison Storekeeper for a Report of the State of the Stores in that Department; and having Received the enclosed.

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enclosed Statement we were induced to appoint the Military Auditor General to be President of a Committee with Orders minutely to examine and to report on the State of the Stores according to the Garison Store Kepers' List, which was transmitted to him, We have now the honor

No. 2 to enclose Copy of the Report of that Committee,

No. 3 accompanied by an Abstract List exhibiting the Several Articles, a part of the loss of which Might have been prevented, had the Garison Store Kuper made Regular Reports to us of their progressive decay, the original Cost of those Articles was Pagod-as 6,302.20.13. from which a deduction of at least 60 per Cent should be made on Account of loss by remaining in Store, and of the depreciation in the supposed Value of Articles when Exposed for Sale as rejected: the Actual loss may be therefore calculated

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-culated at above 2,520 Pagodas.

3 The Regulations which were established in the Year 1797 for the Controul of the Grain and Provision Department direct that a Monthly visiting Member of the Military Board shall inspect the State of the Grain and Provisions at the Presidency, and it may therefore be supposed that by this arrangement we should have obtained earlier information of the State of the Stores; We beg however to notice that a Compliance with that Regulation has not been found practicable since the Year 1799 when the great extension of the several Military Departments produced an accession of business in the personal Offices of the Members of our Board, which demanded their attention so much as to render the visiting duty impossible

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unpossible —

4. It is Remarkable that the Ret-
-port of the Garison Store Keeper exhibits a large
proportion of the Articles to be unserviceable —
than has been found on examination, and the —
list is much prolonged by the insertion of trif-
-fling Articles which are usually Kept on the
Returns until they are worn out, such as
Office furniture, Artificers and Pioneers Tool,
weights, Measures and various Articles of the
like Nature —

5. On the present Occasion, we —
think it proper to remark, that the System
under which the Department of Garison Store-
Keeper subsists, is essentially defective, the ap-
-pointment of Garison Store Keeper does we con-
importance require the undivided attention and
-ceive from its extent and exertion of the per-
-son holding it; whereas it is usually held
by

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by persons, who have various other occupations,
and to whom consequently the importance and
Responsibility appears in a diminished light;
the loss which has occurred on the present oc-
-casion is altogether trifling. it however seems
to point out the Risk to which the Public may
be eventually exposed, from the inability of the
Garison Storekeper to give his whole attention
to the duties of that department.

6.- A desire to avoid the expense
which will be incurred by renting a Stone Room
for the Salt provisions, prevented us from taking
any Measures in Consequence of Mr. Kenworthey's
Report of the 2d April last, who at that time
particularly pointed out the propriety of
Removing the Provisions from the places
where they were then Stored, until further
Experience might Confirm or Refute the Correct-
-ness.

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-ness of his opinion; and the Minute Report Made by the late Committee affords Conclusive proof that the apartments allotted for Salt Meat and Salt Fish are totally unfit for that pur-pose, altho' they are better Calculated than any other of the Casemates, except those in the Sea line, which Cannot Conveniently be converted into Store Rooms, as the Guns in them must Come into use, before the issue of Provisions from the Store can be Required -

7. We here beg leave to Notice, that with Respect to any want of attention which may appear to attach to the late Garrison Store Keeper in not more particularly ascertaining from time to time the State of the Provisions, his extreme bad health prevented him making those exertions in the line of his duty which he otherwise might have done, and mentioned by the late Garrison Store Keeper -

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Store Keeper to the President of the Committee of
Survey; and which Mr. Kenworthy took an op-
portunity of representing to the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck requesting at the same
time that he might be permitted to resign the
situation, but which His Lordship declined to
accept until some other intended arrangement
should take place.

8. We recommend therefore that so
long as political Considerations shall render it
expedient to Keep a stock of Provisions in the
Fort, a place sufficiently ventilated, and in
other Respects properly adapted, may be allotted
for the Reception of the more perishable Articles.

9. The great expence of European
Meat, and the difficulty of procuring regular
supplies of it, has suggested to us the expedi-
ency of storing Bengal Provisions, which may be
procured

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procured at Regular periods and on terms com-
-paratively reasonable; we have accordingly made
every enquiry in our power respecting the quali-
-ty of that Article, and the Rate at which it can
be purchased: and have been informed that
the Beef and Pork cured by the House of Scott
and Co has been found to be in all Respects fit
for Store, and that in Consequence large quan-
-tities of it are annually supplied for the pub-
-lic Stores of Fort William, Bombay, Culumbo
and Penang: we therefore Recommend that a
Communication be made to the Supreme Govern
-ment for the purpose of ascertaining the Cor-
-rectness of the information we have obtained,
and of eventually concluding a Contract for
the annual Supply of a Certain proportion
for the Store of Fort St George, so long as it
may be deemed proper to Keep a Stock of
Provisions

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Provisions in Store; we understand that the Provisions of prime quality as cured by Scott and Co. are procurable at the rate of 27 Pagodas per Tierce, whereas those from Europe may be rated at 35 Pagodas, which is above 29 per Cent advance of price.

10 On future Occasions when Provisions may be laid up in Store, we recommend that the European Troops and others may be allowed to purchase them at a moderate Rate, and to a limited extent, by this arrangement the Provisions longest in Store may be progressively Consumed, and their places supplied by fresh; at present there is no Regular demand for the Provision Stores, and they are usually disposed of to very great loss.—

We

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We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
18th January 1808.

Honorable Sir,

Your Most Obedient
and humble Servants

/Signed/ Hay. Macdowall
E. Trapaud.
T. Capper.
Rob: Bell
J. Munro.
P. Bruce.

To Captain Marshall.
Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 17th Instant. and in Compliance with the Orders of the Military Board Contained therein I herewith transmit for their information a Return of Garrison Stores in my charge

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charge fit for use as likewise a Return of Sundry Articles of Provision and Stores which, in my opinion, are unserviceable and which, in consequence, I have declined to receive from the late Garrison Storekeeper.

Under the Conviction I feel that Mr. Kenworthy will be able to Afford every information which the Military Board may require on the Subject of the Stores in question, I shall only presume to suggest and Request that a Committee may be Nominated to inspect and Report on the same.

Fort St. George
18th December 1807.

(Signed) J. Greenhill
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy
(Signed) H. J. Swaine
A.S.T.M.B.S.

Returns

Return of Serviceable Stores fit for use in Charge of the Garrison Storekeeper 12/12

Fort Pownall 9th February 1808

	Gauge	Mer: L.
Rice	40	156 - 9
Salt	3	147. —
	by	ma. H.
Cocoanut Oil	5	17 - 22½
Lamp Oil	15	13 - 2⁵⁄₁₆
Gingely Oil	17	4 - 7⅜
Wax Candles	14	9¾
Brandy	19 31	Gallons.
Bengal Rum	391	Ditto.
Europe Rum	770	Ditto.
Bingal Vinegar	162	Ditto.

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		Dozens.	Bottles.
Port Wine	2 Chests	20	1
		Cwt.	Mds. lbs.
Jute Rope		2	6 24.
		Nos.	
Teak Wooden Horses		9	
Desks		4	
Chairs		10	
Green Cloth for 3 Desks		6 Yards.	
		Nos.	
Iron Cash Chest		1	
Tarpaulins		1430	
Copper and Brass Mercalls		29	
Do. half Mercalls		8	
Ditto Quarter Mercalls		8	
Iron Measures		6	
Ditto Seers		2	
Copper Seers		20	

	No.
Striker Wooden Made	17
Copper Plate large and small	10
Copper Boiler	1
Ditto Chettie	3
Ditto half Gallon Potts	7
Ditto Quarter Gallon Potts	2
Ditto Pints	9
Gunny Bags	29088 No.
Jars full and Empty	43
Empty Arrack Casks and Vinegar Casks	8
Arrack Cask and vinegar casks full	26

Coppers Tools.

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Fort Stanly 12th February 1808.

	No
Jointers with its Iron	6
Flogging Irons	3
Vices	3
Bolsters	3
Big Irons	5
Adzes	2
Howls	2
Pincers	2
Divers	3
Punches	2
Axes	2
Saw	1
Belts	4
Hammers	2
Crows	2

	No.
Chissels	3
Hallow Knives	2
Knives for Drawing	2
Bench	1
Funnel	1
Iron Fireplaces for the use of the Cooper	1.
Country Scale	1 Pair.
Chitties for Covering Oil &c.ª	30
Empty Chests for Wax Candle	3.
Stationary Chests.	1.

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Atrue Copy.

Signed J. Greenhill.
Garr.n Storekeeper.

Signed H.V. Swain.
a.d.m. B.

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Return of the Unserviceable Stores Remaining with the late Garrison Storekeeper.

	G.	M.	S.
Rice	26	83	11¼
Paddy	"	52	"
Dhall	4	189	7
Biscuit	87	14	23½
Flour	19	10	6⅝
Ghee	16	9	24⅞
Tamarind	18	18	⅞
Pepper	5	19	9¼
Chillies	4	16	14
Garlick	1	17	20¼

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Turmarick		1	18	10½
Onions		1	17	20¼
Coriander seeds		1	17	20
Cumminseeds			19	6⅜
Mustard			1	1¼
Betle Nut		7	11	4⅜6
Tobacco		14	3	14⅝
Soap	4 Box	1	4	23
Lamp Oil		1		17⅛
Cotton for Wick			1	22¼
		Pounds		
Salt Beef Europe	92 Casks	30361		
Salt Pork Europe	18 Do	5725		

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American Salt Beef	117 Qrs	23246
	Dozen	Bottles
Port Wine	3	8
	Gallons	Quart
Europe Vinegar	83	36
Bengal Do		
Copper Pots	6	37½
	15	
Copper Spoons		13
Arrack and Vinegar Casks full and Empty		33
Empty Water Butts		10
Ditto Pipes		3
Empty Oil Casks for Flour full		28

Sundry Articles for Building the Water Casks Sheds.

Posts of Teak Tuticorin and County wood	60
Ditto of County and small size	130

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Palmeras			1200
Reapers			1400
Gunny Bags full and Empty			3,45,983
Bullock Gunny Bags of Northern			10572
Northern Gunny Pauls			3 No.
Bengal Gunny Pauls			30 Pcs.
Bengal Gunny Cuttys		18 Bales	2015
Northern Bullock Gunny Bags		20 Do	1815
Jute Ropes		Candy 1	Mds. Lbs. 3 18
Canvas Hammock		No. 2	
Roping Twine		Pounds 9	
Hand Jack		No. 1	
Pillow Cases			16

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Bed Covers		93
Canvas Sheets	1 Bale	79
Bed Sacking	1 Do.	48
Empty Bottles		8
Chatties		40
Mullies		117
Teak Wooden horses		37
Palmiras		600
Jars		24
Writing Table with Drawer		1
Chairs		2
Wooden Cash Chest		1
Stationary Chest		1

Old Camp Stools	8
Camp Tables	2
Brass Lamps	4
Brass Oil Puppers wanting One Cover	2
Tarpaulins	776
Bamboos	1150

Scales and weights 4 Setts new Complete Viz.t.—

Triangles	Setts. 4
Beams	No. 4
Scale Board with Ropes	Pairs 4
Half hundred Weights Brass made	No. 48
Quarter Hundred weights Brass made	No. 4

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Small Weights Brass made	Lbs 4
Scales and weights old Complete	Lbs 2
Iron Beams	No 3
Wooden Beam for Country Scales	10
Steel Yard	2
Tin Lanthorns	3
Lanthorns large	1
Wooden Funnel	1
Copper Pumps	32
Measures Copper made	2
Ditto Iron — Ditto	3
Sers Copper made	1

	No.
Wooden half Seers	4
Liquor of Copper Crane	2
Ditto of Copper Pumps	3
Ditto of Copper Measure	3
Gallon Pott	1
Quarter Gallon Potts	2
Pints	3
Dram Cups Tin made	3
Copper and Brass Mercalls	6
Stirkes for Wooden Made	4
	Setts
Curry Stone and Rollers	3½
	No.
Europe and Country Axes large and Small	77

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Fort Gaspe 9th February 1825.

Felling Axes	1
Bill Hooks	2
Butte nut Cutters	176
Knives for Cutting Bags	27
Needles	122
Wooden Chest one Containing	22
Mumties	22
Ladle Iron with Worms	69
Nails	Candy 14 Mtte 24
Iron Fireplaces	No. 2
Iron Barrs	60
Sheet lead	8
Poles for Tents	14

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Double Yokes	104
Horses for the Arrack Carts	20
Iron Marks	10
Padlocks	12
Cooper Tools	
	No.
Floging Irons	2
Vices	4
Bolsters	3
Small Saw	1
Adzes	2
Trowels	2
Saw Set	2
Pincers	2

Rivets ---------- 3

Punches ---------- 6

Axes ---------- 1

Saw ---------- 2

Bits ---------- 2

Hammers ---------- 3

Iron for Jointers ---------- 5

Chisles ---------- No 1

Hollow Knives ---------- 3

Knives for drawing ---------- 1

Iron Fireplaces for the use of the Cooper ----------

/Signed/ J. Greenhill Garrison Store Kpr.

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18th December 1807

A true Copy
/Signed/ H. Swaine
Act. Adjt.

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To The Secretary of the
Military Board
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward here-
-with for the purpose of being laid before his Ex-
-cellency the President of the Military Board, the
Report of the Committee appointed to examine
the State of the Provisions and Stores Reported
by the Garison Storekeeper to be unserviceably
together with the Papers therein referred to—

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George. 5th January 1808—

/Signed/ P. Bruce.
M. A. G.

To Major Patrick Bruce President
&c. &c. Members of the Committee of Survey

Gentlemen.

I take the liberty of enclosing
for the information of the Committee Copy of a
Report

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Report of a Committee of Survey dated the 9th. April last, with Copy of a letter addressed by me to Secretary to the Military Board under date the 2d. of the same Month.

Fort St. George
27th. December 1807

I have the honor to be.
&c. &c.
Signed J. Kenworthy.
late Garr. Storek.r

Extract from the Report of a Committee of Survey dated the 9th. April last.

The Committee beg to observe that the Casemates under the North Face of the Fort appear to be extremely improper for the Stowage of the provisions therein at present in Consequence of the intense heat Continually operating to their Destruction and Wastage. evident proofs of which the state of the Salt. Salt Fish. Onions. Flour &c. and even the Grain have afforded. Nor is there any

Remedy

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remedy, it not being practicable to admit an ex-
-sufficient quantity - however were the Doors Iron -
Barred at Tops as Wickets, it would be of some ad-
-vantage -

/Signed/ J. J. Durand. Lieut.t Col.o Pres.t
David Miller.
Capt.n 1st. Batt.n 20th Regt.
J. T. Johnson.
Capt.n 2 Batt.n 8th Regt. Members.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. Kenworthy
Late Garr.n Storekeeper

To Captain Marshall
Secretary to the Military Board.

Sir,

I request you will be pleased to in-
-form the Board that the Salt Fish now in
Store is in a State of decay owing to the excessive
heat of the Bomb Proofs, and I take the liberty of
Recommending

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recommending that the whole of the Provision stores now on hand, should be removed into Airy Godowns in the Fort, and not placed in the Bomb-Proofs unless in Cases of Actual necessity.

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

Fort St. George
2d April 1807.

/signed/ John Kenneworthy
Garrison Storekeeper.

A true Copy.

/signed/ John Kenneworthy
Garrison Storekeeper

True Copies

/signed/ H. L. Swain
A. I. M. B.

Report of a Committee of Survey held by order of the Military Board on Grain and Provisions in the Depart.t of the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George, commenced on the 25th and Concluded the 24th December 1807.-

Major P. Bruce Military Auditor General - President.
Captain P. Henry
Captain Thos. Jackson } Members { Lieutenant & Commissary Bishop.
Adjutant Clemons.

The Committee having assembled According to order proceed to inspect the Articles in Charge of the Garrison Storekeeper and after an attentive examination of them have the honor to give the following report upon the return furnished by the present Garrison Storekeeper and State of the different Articles therein specified.-

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Return of the Unserviceable Stores remaining with the late Garrison Storekeeper Vezt

Articles	Quantity	When received in Store	Explanation
	Garce Mar. dcrs.		
Rice Difficiency	26 83 11/12	from 28th February to 31st May 1807	None produced for Inspection
Paddy	" 52 "	31st March 1805	Serviceable for immediate use but being unfit for keeping recommended to be sold.
Dholl	4 189 7	31st October 1806	Decayed completely by the heat of the Godown and insects, recommended to be sold

	Candy	Mds	lbs		
Biscuit	87	14	23½	31st October	The Biscuit quite destroyed by moisture and heat. The flower quite musty from the same cause. Recommended to be sold.
Flour	19	10	6⅞	31st October	
Ghee	16	9	2⅞	31st October	The three 15 Jars of Good quality, but from the heat 2 Jars have become Rancid and unfit for Keeping. Recommended to be sold.
Tamarind	18	18	⅞	31st October	Generally good, but unfit for Keeping; Recomonended to be sold.
Pepper	5	19	9¼	31st Augt. 1803 & 31st October 1806	Good to be retained in Store

Much

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Articles	Quantity	When received in Store	Explanations
	Candy Mc lbs		
Chillies	4 - 14 - 14	31st October 1806	Much injured by the heat, but Saleable recommended to be Solid
Garlick	1 17 20½	"	The Substance of both these Articles has completely evaporated by the heat, it is supposed the Cloves of the Garlick retain their Shape but the Substance is gone useless
Onions	1 17 20½	"	
Corrianderseeds	1 17 20	"	

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Comminseeds	"	19	6 3/8	"
Mustard		1	1 1/4	"
Turmarick		1	18 10 1/2	"
Beetle Nut		7	11 4 3/16	"
Tobacco		14	3 14 1/8	

Much injured by heat and moisture recommend to be sold.

Good to be retained for store.

Partially injured unfit for Store and therefore recommended to be sold.

Generally fine Tobacco but some parts are injured on the outside of the Bales. The bad to be sold, the good may be kept in Store.

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Articles	Quantity	When Received in Store	Explanation
Soap	4 Box — 1 — 4 23.	28th. February 1802 and 31st. August 1803.	To be Sold - Injured by age.
Lamp Oil	1 — 1 7/16	31st. October 1805.	200 pounds good - The rest has been Rejected on account of its being the residue in the bottom of Jars recommended to be Sold.
Cotton for wick	1 — 1 23/4	31st. October 1805.	Good to be Kept in Store.
			3 Casks only good, but the meat in them is turning.

Sent to Camp Q.M. Stores 9th. February 1808.

		85 Casks on the 30th June 1803.	Green at the edges and there-	
			-fore recommended to be sold.	
	Casks. Pounds.			
Salt Beef Europe.	92 34,361	6 Ditto on the 31st Augt.	The whole appears to have	
			been good meat but evident-	
			-ly destroyed by the heat and	
		1 Ditto on the 31st December	Moisture of the Godown. Re-	
			-commended to be buried except	
			such pieces as upon selection	
			may be found good for Sale.	
		4 Casks on the 31st March 1805.		
	Casks. Pounds.	2 Do. on the 31st August 1805.	2 Only good, the Remarks above	
Salt Pork Europe.	18 5,725	12 Do. on the 30th Nov. 1805.	applies also to this Article.	
			35 Good	

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Fort St George 9th February 1803

Articles	Quantity	When Received in Store	Explanations.
American Salt Beef	Castle Pound 117.23.246	30th November 1805.	35 good for present use, recommended to be sold, the rest being putrid from the extreme heat of the Godowns, is recommended to be buried except what may be selected for Sale.
Port Wine	Dozen Bottles 3. 8	1/2 8: 28th February 1802. 2: 31st August 1803.	Decayed by age Recommended to be Sold.
Europe Vinegar	Gallons. Drams 83. 36.	31st August 1803.	Do. Do. Do.

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Bengal Vinegar	6	37/12	31st October	1806	Do.
Firewood	7,614	Billets			Good to be Kept in Store
Copper Potts	No. 15		31st May 1797 to 31st January 1798 and 31st January 1799		The Copper Potts appear to have been unserviceable when Received from the Transports and Should not have been brought to account, Recommended to be Sold. The other Articles are too old for use therefore Recommend ed to be Sold
Copper Spoons	13		31st August 1797		
Arrack and Venegar Casks	33		28th February 1802		
			31st August 1803		
Empty Water Butts	10		30th April 1805		
Ditto Pipes	3				

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Articles	Quantity	When Received in Store	Explanations
Empty dry Casks for flour full	28	31st October 1806	The flour is packed in them they are good but being old are recommended to be sold with the flour
Sundry articles for Building the Water Casks Sheds— Posts of Teak, Tuncomalee and County wood	60	31st July 1806	These articles constitute a Shed

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Ditts of Country wood Small Size	130	31st July 1806	which has been much injured in the late Gale and part of them blown away, the Committee recommend those remaining to be sold being of no use as articles of Store.
Palmiras	1,200	31st July 1806	
Reapers	1,400	31st July 1806	
Gunny Bags full and Empty	345,983	from 1st January 1805 to 31st October 1807	These have been already ordered by the Military Board to be Sold.
Bullock Gunny Bags of Northern	10,572	31st July 1799	These are very old, have been longer Store, and though apparently of a good quality, they are not to be trusted, the Committee therefore recommend the whole to be Sold. These
		31st December 1802 and	
		31st August 1803	

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1802

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Articles	Quantity	When received in Store	Explanation.
Northern Gunny Pauls	3	30th June 1801 and 31st August 1804	These are very old, have been long in Store, and though apparently of a good quality, they are not to be trusted the Committee therefore recommend the whole to be sold.
Bengal Gunny Pauls	38	31st October 1806	Do. Do.
Bengal Gunny Putties	Bales Pieces 18 is 2015	31st July 1799	These are of excellent quality, but made in Bengal either for Camels or Elephants, recommended to be sold.

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Northern Bullock Gunny Bags	30	No. 1815	30th September 1799	Decayed from long Keeping in Store, recommended to be Sold
Jute Rope	Candy 1	Md. 3	lb. 18	31st May 1799	Do.	Do.
Canvas Hammocks	No. 2			31st August 1802	Appear to have been old when Received, Rotton to be Sold
Roping Twine	lb. 9			31st July 1800 and 30th June 1802	Good to be Kept in Store
Hand Jack	1			31st august 1803	Good if Repaired, to be Repaired and Kept in Store
Pillow Cases	16			31st August 1802	These appear to have been in use, they are now Rotton, Recommended to be destroyed
Bed Cover	Bale 3	No.		"	"	"
Canvas Sheets	1	79		"	"	"
Bed Sackings	1	48		"	"	"

Good

Articles	Quantity	When received in Store	Explanations
Empty Battles	N° 8	31st August 1802	Good to be Kept in Store
Shuttles	N° 40	31st May 1807	Appear to have been a long time in Store broken Recommended to be destroyed
Mullies	117	31st July	
Teak wooden horses	37	31st May & 31st Augt 1777	20 of them delivered to the Export Warehouse Keeper, the rest are very old and therefore Recommended to be Sold
Palmeras	600	30th September 1806	These are partly distributed under Casks of Salt Provision thereat

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			are very old recommended to be sold
Jars	24	31st October 1806	17 Good to be Kept, the rest are broken
Writing Table with Drawer	1	31st January 1805	
Chairs	2	"	Appear to have been a long time
Wooden Cash Chest	1	31st January 1803	in use for Convenience they are
Stationary Chest	1	31st May 1792	quite unserviceable Recommend-
Old Camp Stools	8	31st October 1803	-ed for Sale
Camp Table	2	"	"
Brass Lamps	4	"	very old and of no use Recommend-
Dc. Oil Duppers wanting	2	31st August 1803	-ed to be Sold as old Brass
One Cover			

Entirely

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Articles	Quantity	When Received in Store	Explanations.
Tarpaulins	776	31st August 1803. 31st May 1805. 30th June 1805. 31st July 1805. and 31st July 1807	Entirely worn out and broken to pieces, said to have been reduced to this state by Covering Rice and Provisions.
Bamboos	1150	30th June 1806	Small Bamboos too old to be of further use Recommended to be Sold.
Scales and Weights.			
4 Setts new Complete.			
Triangles	4 Setts. 4	28th February 1807	

	No.		
Beams	4		These Articles are stated to the Committee as having been delivered to Mr. Sherson for weighing Rice.
	Pair		
Scales Board with Ropes	4		
Half hundred weights Brass made	No. 48		
Quarter hundred weights Brass made	4		
	Lbs.		
Small weights Brass made	4		
Scales and Weights Old Complete	2	31st August 1790	Worn out by long use recommended to be Sold.
	No.		
Iron Beams	2	31st May 1799	
Wooden Beams for County Scales	10	31st July 1802	Good to be Kept in Store.

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Fort St. George 8th February 1803

Articles	Quantity	When received in Store	Explanations
	No		
Steel yards	2		
Tin Lanthorns	3		
Lanthorns large	1		
Wooden Funnel	1		
Copper Pumps	32		
Measures Copper made	2		
Do — Iron — Do	3		
Seers Copper made	1		
Wooden half Seers	4		
Liquor of Copper Crane	2		

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Many of these Articles have been Received from Trans-ports where only it appears they have been used long Keeping in Store Since — has rendered them of no

Ds. of Ds. Pumps ---- 3.

Ds. of Ds. Measures ---- 3

Gallon Pott ---------- 1

Quarter Gallon Potts ------ 2

Pints ---------- 3.

Dram Cups Tin made — 3

Copper and Brass Marcals --- 6

Striker wooden made ----- 4.

Curry Stone and Rollers — Setts 3½

Europe and County Axes } No. 77
Large and Small ------ }

Felling Axes ---------- 1

no further use, they are there-
-fore recommended to be Sold,
with the exception however
of the 6 Brass Mercalls of
these present is good, the other
5 are Stated to be new and
Sent to the Assay Office to
be Stamped.

These are rusty but Still service-
-able the Committee recommend
them to be delivered to the Dis-
-pensary.

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Articles	Quantity	When received in Store.	Explanations
Bill Hooks	2		One good Do the other to be Sold as old Iron
Betle Nut Cutters	176		Good to be Kept in Store
Knives for Cutting Bags	27		Worn out to be destroyed
Needles	122		Good to be Kept in Store
Wooden Chest one Containing Mumties	22		Of a bad Mister of no use very old and therefore Recommended to be Sold

Ladle Iron with worm	69	useless, to be sold as old Iron.
Nails	No. 16 lb 24	Good to be Kept in Store
Iron Fireplaces	No 2	These are old Ship fire places, have been appa-rently much in use Recom-mended to be sold as no Ship would receive them
Iron Bars	60	
Sheet Lead	8.	as Servicable.
Poles for Tents	14	Have been much in use and are unservicable Re-commended to be Sold.
Double Yokes	104.	
Horses for the Artillery Carts	20	
Iron Mark'd	10	To be repaired and Kept in Store.

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Articles	Quantity	When received in Store	Explanations
Padlocks	12.		useless to be sold as old Irons.
Cooper Tooles.			
Flaying Irons	2		
Vices	4		These have been so long in use that they are entirely worn out and unserviceable, they are therefore recommended to be sold.
Bolsters	3		
Small Saw	1		
Adzes	2		
Gouiles	2		
Sawset	2		
Pincers	2		
Driers	3		

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Punches ---------- 6

Axes ---------- 1

Saw ---------- 2

Bits ---------- 8

Hammers ---------- 2

Iron for Jointers ---------- 3

Cheeles ---------- 5

Hallow Knives ---------- 1

Knives for Drawing ---------- 3

Iron fire place for the use of the Cooper ---------- 1

These have been so long in Use that they are entirely worn out and unserviceable, they are therefore Recommended to be Sold. —

Phila. Navy Yard February 9th 1808. —

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The Committee has the honor to state the following Observations which have occurred to them in the course of their Survey -

From the Inspection of the different Articles of Animal Provisions the heated State in which were found the Oxhall, Biscuit, Flour &c. and the humidity and heat of the Casemates, where they have been Kept in Store, it has appeared evident to the Committee that these places are ill calculated for Keeping Provisions, and have been the principal cause of the decay and putrescent State of most of these Articles - the bad effects of which it seems had been foreseen and pointed out by the late Garrison Storekeeper to the attention of the Military Board, which Circumstance has been brought to the Notice of the Committee, by the Accompanying Letter addressed to our President from the late Garrison Storekeeper transmitting therewith Copy of a Letter from him

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from to the Military Board dated in April last, in
which he Recommended that the whole of the Pro-
-vision Stores then on hand should be Removed
into airy Godowns in the Fort and not Kept in
the Bombproofs.-

In the Return furnished by the
present Garrison Storekeeper, the Dholl, Biscuit,
Flour and Ghee, also the Onions, Garlick and the
different Kinds of Seeds Are Reported to have been
purchased on the 31st October 1806 fourteen Months
ago, a length of time Sufficient, even had these Articles
been Kept in good Store Rooms, to have injured and da-
-maged them materially.-

Of the Europe Salt Beef 85 Casks are
Stated to have been laid in Store, in June, and 6-
Casks in August 1803. a length of time when Kept in
such places as at present, that accounts for this Beef
being

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being in a State of putrefaction - The American Salt Beef Stated to have been Received into Store in November 1805, we would not have been Surprized after it had been Kept in those Casements upwards of two Years to have found it in a Completely damaged State, 35 Casks of it however out of 117 appear to be at present fit for use - Every Cask of these Provisions has been Opened and their State Minutely inspected by the Committee - And we have only to add, that almost all the other Articles in Store (which we have likewise Minutely inspected) are of little value, as they appears to be old, and to have been long laid up in Store. —

Fort St. George.
4th January 1808.

P. Bruce Mil.y Aud.r General.
P. Henry Capt.n 14th Regiment
Tho.s Jackson Capt.n 30th Reg.t
B. Bishop. Comm.y Stores.
James Clemons Adj.t of Invalids.

(Signed)

A true Copy

(Signed) H.J. Swain
A.D.M.B.

Abstact. —

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Abstact List and valuation of Provision Stores under charge of the Garrison Store Keeper of Fort St. George, Reported to be damaged, and found upon inspection to be unfit for Stores.

		Quantity		Pags Fanams Cash.
Dholl	Garce	4 1897	at 50 Pags pr. Garce	223 29 35
Biscuit	Candies	87 14 23½	at 21 Ds. pr. Candy	1842 38 68
Garlick	Ditto	1 17 20¼	at 9 21 Ditto	17 40 34
Onions	Ditto	1 17 20¼	at 5 15 Ditto	10 5 29
Salt Beef Europe	89 Casks	29,370 lb	at 42 Ditto	2,467 3 29
Salt Pork Ds.	16 Ds.	5,088	at 43 Ditto	437 23 69
American Salt Beef	82 Ps.	16,292	at 40 Ds.	1,303 15 9.
			Pagodas	6,302 20 13

E. E. pr

Fort St. George.
Military Board Office
18th January 1808.—

(Signed) J. Marshall.
Sec.t & Acct. Mil.y BS.

To

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Fort St. George 9th. February 1808.

To the Honorable
Sir George Barlow Bt. and K.B.
Governor in Council.

Hon. Sir,

From the Same. Submit the draft of a G.O. for effecting the proposed reductions in the ordnance Department, with proceedings of a Committee on that Subject. A report on the North Lunette of the Vellajah Front & on the North East Bland, as judiciously repaired by Lieutenant Fraser. An explanation of the late Indent for Elephants. Recommend that Camels be substituted for Elephants in the Carriage of Tents, and that the Regulations for Camp Equipage be modified. Submit Two petitions from Bullock owners.

1. We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Letters from Mr. Secretary Strachey dated 13th. 16th. and 19th. January, and to report that the nec-essary Orders have been given.

2. As the Records of our Office do not afford the information which was necessary to pre-pare the detail of the Plan for Reducing Certain establishments in the Ordnance Department, as pro-posed by the late Commander in Chief: We re-ferred the Papers to the Quarter Master General and the Military Auditor General, in Order that ref-erence might be made to the documents and the principles upon which the Calculations of Sir. John Cradock were framed, and we have now

No. 1.

the

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the honor to forward the report of those Officers-

We Submit Draft of a General

3. Order which it will be proper to publish on the

No. 2. Occasion, and we Recommend that the Operation of

this Order may Commence from the 1st. of March;

the previous Arrangements will Occupy some time,

and Much Inconvenience in the adjustment of Ac-

-counts will be avoided, by Allowing a Sufficient

time for their Completion -

We enclose for the information

4 of Government Report of a Committee of our Board.

No. 3. appointed to survey the North Lunette of the

Wallajah Face; and the N. E. Blind, and we

have much satisfaction in Observing that the atten-

-tion of the Engineer to the Capability of the for-

-mer work has produced a Considerable Saving

without endangering the Efficiency of the pre-

-sent One.

5. The 7th and 8th Paragraphs of

Mr.

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Mr. Secretary Strachey's Letter of the 18th December having been referred to the Quarter Master General, We have now the honor to submit that Officers Report, which fully explains that the Indent Submitted on the 30th November is for a Smaller Number of Elephants, than would be required for the whole Camp Equipage of all the European Troops on the Establishment supposing the letter of the existing Regulations of the Service to be strictly adhered to; it also Refers to a Statement of the Carriage Required for the Tents of the European Troops according to the Returns of the 1st. November, and to a Register of the Elephants at present belonging to the Madras Government.

No. 4.

6. In Our Letters of the 1st and 20th of April last, We explained the reasons which had hitherto prevented us from Recommending a strict attention to the point of the Regulations which directs that Carriage for the whole of the European

Troops.

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Troops shall be at all times in Readiness: or for
the Stores of European Regiments: under the Consider-
-ations prescribed by the Government We are of opi-
-nion that those Reasons have more weight than
they have had at any period since the date of the
Regulations in question, and as there is a manifest
inconsistency in Continuing a General Order, the obser-
-vance of which it is considered proper to dispense
with: We submit to Government the expediency of mo-
-difying that part of the Regulations Regarding
Camp Equipage and of Substituting a Regulation
that, during Peace, Tents and Carriage shall be
Kept up for such proportion as Government shall
determine, of the European Troops of the Establish-
-ment. The Expence of Tents alone is very great,
and as few Occasions occur for their employment
in any way except in the Reliefs of Troops, the
greater part of them, becomes unserviceable from
the length of time they Remain in Store. We

Conceive

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Conceive that a proportion of Tents should be at all times Kept at each principal Station, to answer the calls of occasional emergency. but that part of the present Regulation which Directs that the Tents shall be marked with the No. &c. of each Corps, and used exclusively for that Corps, appears calculated to involve more expence than is really necessary during a Period of Peace.

7- We entirely agree with the Quarter Master General, in the Opinion that Camels, if procurable on Moderate Terms, will afford a less expensive mode of Carriage than Elephants. The Expence of Keeping an Elephant is to the expence of Keeping a Camel nearly as 7 to 1. whereas the Services of an Elephant do not, by the Quarter Master General's Calculation, exceed those of a Camel, in a proportion higher than two to one - and the prime Cost of those Animals is a proportion equally unfavorable to Elephants.

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8 — We submit two Petitions from

No. 5.86 Persons Stating that they are Bullock Mas-

-ters and in Confinement at Seringapatam,

the Object of these Petitions not being within

our Control or Jurisdiction; it appears unn-

-ecessary for us to make any Remarks on —

their Contents —

Fort St. George
25th January 1808.

We have the Honor to be —

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

Signed
E. Trapaud.
F. Capper.
Robt. Bell.
I. Munro.
P. Bruce.

Report of a Committee of the Military Board
Consisting of the Quarter Master General and —
Military Auditor General appointed in Meeting
of the 14th December to prepare a Statement —
of Reductions in the Ordnance Department —

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Fort St. George 9th February 1808.

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We submit two Petitions from Persons stating that they are Bullock Mans-tries and in Confinement at Seringapatam; the Object of these Petitions not being within our Control or Jurisdiction; it appears unnecessary for us to make any Remarks on their Contents.

Fort St. George
25th January 1808.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c

(Signed)
E. Trapaud.
F. Capper.
Robt. Bell
I. Munro.
P. Bruce

Report of a Committee of the Military Board consisting of the Quarter Master General and Military Auditor General appointed in Meeting of the 14th December to prepare a Statement of Reductions in the Ordnance Department

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It having been found difficult in the Military Board Office to make reductions in the Ordnance establishments to correspond exactly with those recommended by the late Commander in Ch. and Ordered to be carried into Effect by the Govern=ment the Subject was referred to a Committee con=sisting of the Quarter Master General and Military Auditor General, as these Offices had access to docu=ments upon which it was supposed that the plan of Reduction proposed by Sir John Cradock had been founded. The only document to which the Committee could refer is the annual Estimate for the year 1807 which they understood was in the possession of the late Commander in Chief at the time when he prepared that Arrangement; but as all the de=tails of the reductions proposed by the late Com=mander in Chief have not been stated in his Minute, and do not appear in the Annual esti=mate The Committee have not been able to remove altogether

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altogether the difficulties experienced in the Military Board Office — The difference however between the re-ductions proposed by Sir John Cradock and those recommended by the Committee amounts to L. 26 — Pago-das only in all the cases wherein the latter are ex-ceeded by the former: and the loss which would be occasioned by that difference will be entirely obviated by an arrangement which the Committee will Recom-mend —

The only Stations at which the amount of the detailed reductions prepared in the Military Board Office differs from the amount of reductions proposed in Sir John Cradock's Minute are Bellary, Cannanore, Hullial and Seringapattam. The late Commander in Chief recommended that Pa-godas 7.38 — might be reduced from the establish-ment of Artificers at Bellary without exactly describing the number and description of Artificers who were to be struck off — In the plan prepared in the Military

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Military Board Office the following Reductions are proposed to be made at Bellary Dist.

1 Painter	2	36
1 Chuckler	2	6
1 Chickledar	2	6
	7	6

The pay of these Artificers amounts to 32 fanams less than the sum proposed to be reduced from the Artificers at Bellary by Sir John Cradock. After an examination of the other reductions proposed by the late Commander in Chief the Committee are induced to suggest that the following Artificers may be dismissed from the establishment at Bellary Dist.

1 Painter	2	36
1 Sawyer	2	36
1 Chickledar	2	16
	7	36

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The difference between this reduction and that recommended by Sir John Cradock amounts to 2 fanams only: and the Committee are led to suppose that a Sawyer may be spared with less inconvenience than a Chuckler from the establishment at Bellary, as there are no Sawyers at some other principal Stations such as Cannanore, Chittledroog -

The Committee beg leave to suggest that the following reductions may take place at Cannanore Viz.

1 Armourer Maistry ----	5. 30. —
1 Carpenter ----	3. 30. —
	9. 18. —

The Amount of this reduction is 24 fanams below the Sum Recommended by Sir John Cradock to be Struck off from Cannanore, but it has been found difficult to make the reductions -

Corresponds

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Correspond exactly; There is no Armourer Maistry at Tutchinopoly or Masulipatam; and the appoint-ment appears to be unnecessary therefore at Canna-nore.

From the establishment of artificers at Hallial the late Commander in Chief recom-mended that 25 Pagodas might be struck off and the Committee beg leave to suggest that the following Reductions may take place Viz.t

1 Laboratory Corporal	3.		
1 Sail Maker	4.	12.	
3 Chuckledars	10.	12.	
1 Carpenter	4.	12.	
1 Chuckler	2.	6.	
	24.	"	

This Sum Amounts to 1 Pagoda per Month less than the Reduction proposed by Sir John Cradock.

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The amount of Reductions ordered to be made from the establishment of Artificers at Seringapatam is 20 Pagodas; and the Committee propose that the following Artificers may be struck off from that Garrison Viz.t.-

Note-
If 4 Armourers were reduced the Reduction would exactly amount to 20 Pagodas the Sum recommended to be struck off by Sir J. Cradock-

5 Armourers	14-	12-
1 Cooper	4-	12-
2 Chickledars	4-	12-
	22-	36-

The Reductions proposed by the Committee very nearly agree with those prepared in the Military Board Office.- At all the Stations excepting Bellary, Cannanore, Hulkal and Seringapatam the Reductions Ordered to be made by Government exactly coincide with those prepared by the Military Board; and the Committee therefore recommend that the latter may be carried into effect without delay-

The following is an abstract of the Reductions proposed by Sir John Cradock and by the

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the Committee at Bellary, Cannanore, Hulli-
-al and Seringapiatam. Reductions recommend-
-ed by Sir John Bradock.

At Bellary	7 . 38 . .
Cannanore	10 . . . .
Hullial	25 . . . .
Seringapatam	20 . . . .
Total	62 . . 38 . .

Reductions proposed by the Com-
-mittee.

At Bellary	7 . . 36 . .
Cannanore	9 . . 18 . .
Hullial	24 . . . .
Seringapatam	22 . . 36 . .
Total	64 . . 6 . .

Difference

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Difference ---------- 1.10.-

The Reductions proposed by the a
Committee at Seringapatam Amount to 2.36.-
above those proposed by Sir John Cradock;
and this difference is more than equal to the
deficiencies at other Stations..

Fort St. George.
21st January 1808.

/Signed/ J. Munro.
Quarter Master General.

P. Bruce.
Military Auditor General.

A true Copy.

/Signed/ A. Stock.
Dept. S. M. G.

G. O.

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10th. February 1807.

G. O. By Government.

The Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the following Modification and Reduction in the Establishments of the Ordnance Department under the Presidency of Fort Saint George shall be adopted and take Place on the 1st of March Next.

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Report of a committee of the Military Board consisting of the Chief Engineer, Adjutant General and Quarter Master General of the Army, appointed the 22d January 1808 to Survey and Report on the North Lunette of the Wallajah Front, and on the North East Blind Reported Completed and Ready for inspection—

The Superintending Engineer attends the Committee—

The Committee having met proceeded to examine the North Lunette of the Wallajah Front which they find well finished and composed of the best Materials—

The Committee have to report that the Bomb Proof under the western Rampart of this Work has been saved, as well as the Terreplaine of the interior of the Lunette, and carefully united to the New Revetments and northern Bomb proofs—

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Report of a Committee of the Military Board consisting of the Chief Engineer, Adjutant General and Quarter Master General of the Army, appointed the 22d January 1808 to Survey and Report on the North Lunette of the Wallajah Front, and on the North East Blind Reported Completed and Ready for inspection—

The Superintending Engineer attends the Committee—

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The Committee have to report that the Bomb Proof under the western Rampart of this Work has been saved, as well as the Terreplein of the interior of the Lunette, and carefully united to the New Revetments and northern Bomb

proofs—

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proofs as Recommended by the Engineer and appro-
-ved by this Board, and which has, by the Atten-
-tion paid by the Superintending Engineer to the
Work, materially diminished the Estimated ex-
-pense of Rebuilding this Lunette.—

The Committee next proceeded to ex-
-amine the Repairs and improvements made to the
North East Blend which they find well execu-
-ted of good Materials.— and agreeably to the au-
-thorized Plans and Estimates—

Fort St. George
25th January 1808.

/signed/ E. Trapaud.
F. Casper,
I. Munro.

/A true Copy/

/signed/ A. Stock
D. Q. M. G.

Minute

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Minute of the Quarter Master General

In order to explain the grounds upon which the Indent for Elephants lately submitted to the Military Board by the Quarter Master General was prepared, it is necessary to advert to the Regulations of the Service in force at present on the subject of Camp equipage and baggage for the European troops under this Government. Those regulations order Camp equipage and Carriage for the whole of the European troops to be constantly maintained in a State of Readiness for immediate movement; they direct the Quarter Master General to indent on the Military Board for the Quantities necessary to supply deficiencies, and they hold that Officer responsible for the Complete and efficient State of those equipments. Under this Regulation it was the indispensable duty of the

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the Quarter Master General to Indent for the proportion of Carriage Necessary to Complete the establishment ordered by Government to be maintained, and the Statement which he has the honor of Submitting to the Board demonstrates that the actual deficiency exceeds to the extent of 31 Elephants, the Number for which he has Indented[a]. In conformity to the express terms of the existing Regulations the Quarter Master General ought to have indented for the whole Amount of Carriage which was deficient; but as a certain proportion of the European troops must be always Stationary in fixed Garrisons he omitted from his Calculation of the Carriage required for the equipment of the European force the quantity necessary for the corps at Fort Saint George and Seringapatam, and indented only for the amount of Carriage required to Complete the force which is considered to be available for

fields

[a] This deficiency is exclusive of the 93 Elephants on the road from Bengal, which are calculated upon as present in the accompanying Statement. The Quarter Master Gen.l's Indent included 28 Elephants only for the Camp Equipage Department. 6 were afterwards added as Gun Elephants. It will be remarked that a deficiency of 48 Camels exists besides that of Elephants.

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field Service, a Circumstance stated in the Mi-
=nute which Accompanied his Indent.-

The Calculations hitherto made
regarding the Number of Elephants necessary for
the Conveyance of the tents of European Corps
have been Subject to Considerable errors in Conse-
-quence of a mistake in the existing Regulations.-
These direct each Elephant on the establishment
to be Considered as Capable of carrying eight
Bullock loads, but Representations having been
made of the insufficiency of the amount of
Carriage allotted to Some European Corps, the
Quarter Master General obtained from the Agent
for Public Cattle a register of the Elephants
belonging to Government Shewing their Size, and
the Number of Bullock loads which they are
Severally able to Convey. - It appears from this
document that on an average each Elephant
is

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is capable of Conveying only 6 Bullock loads instead of eight Bullock loads as Stated in the regulations.

But even if it Should be determined to Limit the establishment of Elephants to the Amount actually maintained it will be necessary to make a demand upon the Contractor for the purpose of replacing Casualties. The last Indent on the Contractor was for 60 Elephants, and was dated in 1803. that Indent will not be Completed until March next, and it is reasonable to Suppose that Similar delays will Occur in Complying with future Indents. — On this ground the Indent lately Submitted to the Board by the Quarter Master General will not be Complied with until the Year 1812 and the Ordinary Casualties among the Elephants until that period of time will it is probable nearly equal the Number indented

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-dented for; Indeed it would appear from the
great delays which have hitherto occurred in
supplying Elephants, that those which will
now be demanded are still in a wild State, and
that they have to undergo the process of being
caught, tamed, and trained before they can be
furnished for the Service of this Government.

The very small Amount of Bullock
loads which the Elephants on this establishment
are capable of carrying, together with the great
expenses occasioned by the purchase and Subsist-
-ence of those animals, had suggested to the
mind of the Quarter Master General the propriety
of allotting Camels to the Conveyance of the Camp
equipage of the European troops, if a certain Sup-
-ply of Camels on moderate terms could be en-
-sured. It was with this view that the
Quarter Master General Recommended that a re-
-ference

Note b. Camels are already employed with the Regiments of Light Dragoons & are found to answer extremely well — Two Camels which are capable of carrying 6 Bullock loads are allowed one Attendant & six Seers of Grain each day; while one Elephant which on an average is only able to carry 6 Bullock loads is allowed 4 Attendants & from 10 to 16 Seers of rice each day besides Ghee & Jaggree.

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-ference might be made to Bengal for the purpose of ascertaining the Rates at which Camels could be procured from that Presidency — It was the intention of the Quarter Master General to Submit to the Government a Comparative Calculation of the expences of Elephants and of Camels after the reference which he proposed to make to Bengal had been replied to —

It is the duty of the Quarter Master General to State that the object in the Contemplation of Government on the occasion of enacting the existing Camp equipage Regulations has not been executed with the European troops to the extent to which it has been carried into effect with the Native Army — The regulations of 1802 direct that each European and Native Corps shall be provided at all times with a Complete establishment of tents, and of Carriage for its Camp equipage, ammunition

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ammunition and Stores, the Carriage for the ammunition and Stores of the European troops has never been maintained excepting on field Service, and the Carriage for their Camp equipage has generally been deficient, while the expences of supporting the whole of those establishments for the Native Army have uniformly been incurred.— If a revision of those Regulations in Regard to the Native Army should take place on the principle of limiting the establishments of Camp equipage and Carriage to the Corps disposeable for field Service, it may be expedient to extend the operation of that principle to the equipment of the European troops.

Quarter Master General's Office. Fort St. George. 16th January 1808.

/Signed/ J. Munro
D. Mr. Genl.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ A. Stock
D. S. M. G.

Statement

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Fort St. George 9th. February 1808.

Statement of Tents and Carriage Required for the European Troops of the Army, Agreeably to the Returns of the 1st. November 1807.

	Elephants	Camels	Total Elephants Camels.
His Majesty's 22d. Dragoons Bullocks.			
731 Men 61 Tents			25
2 Hospital			13
1 Necessary			1
Standard and Rear Guard Store Tents 6/20			1
Spare			6⅔
			5⅓
			37
25th. Dragoons			
720 Men 60 Tents			25
2 Hospital			13
1 Necessary			1
Standard and Rear Guard and Store Tents 6/20			1
			6⅔
			37

Spare ---------- 5⅓

2d. Battalion of the Royals

1,024 Men 79 Tents ---------- 16½ ----------

Hospital ---------- 13

Necessary ---------- 1

Quarter & Rear ----------
Guard and Stone Tents ---------- 6

20 ---------- 3⅓ ----------

Spare ---------- 3⅓ ----------

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† Vide Statement annexed, which Shews an average of 6 Bullocks to 1 Elephant

NB. Cavalry 1 Tent for 12 Men

Infantry 1 Tent for 13 Men

1 Bullock Carries the Poles of 4 Tents

Forward ---- 23 ---- 74

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	Total	Elephants	Camels	Elephants	Camels
				23	74
Forward					
His Majesty's 12th Foot — Bullocks					
682 Men 52 Tents	11				
Hospital Necessary Quarter and Rear Guard and Store Tents	20	3½			17
Spare		2⅓			
30th Foot					
1,092 Men 84 Tents	17½				
Hospital Necessary Quarter and Rear Guard and Store Tents	20	3½			33
Spare		3½			

" 33d Foot

778 Men 60 Tents ---------- 12½

Hospital Necessary Quarter } 20 ---------- 3⅓ ---------- 18
Rear Guard and Store Tents }

Spare ---------- 2½

" 34th Foot

1035 Men 79 Tents ---------- 16½

Hospital Necessary Quarter and } 20 ---------- 3⅓ ---------- 23
Rear Guard and Store Tents ---- }

Spare ---------- 3⅓

" 59th Foot

1012 Men 78 Tents ---------- 16½

Hospital Necessary Quarter and } 20 ---------- 3⅓ ---------- 23
Rear Guard and Store Tents ---- }

Spare ---------- 3⅓

forward ---------- 127 ---------- 74

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Total

	Elephants	Camels.	Elephants	Camels.
forward			127	74
His Majestys 69th Foot.				
738 Men 57 Tents			12	
Hospital Necessary Quarter and Rear Guard and Store Tents	20		3½	18
Spare			2½	
80th Foot				
760 Men 58 Tents			12	
Hospital Necessary Quarter and Rear Guard and Store Tents	20		3⅓	18
Spare			2½	

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Fort St. George 9th February 1805

Madras European Regiment.

580 Men 45 Tents		9⅓	
Hospital Necessary Quarter & Rear Guard and Store Tents	20	3⅓	15
Spare		2	

Horse Artillery

102 Europeans 84 Natives	23 Tents		
including Hospital and Necessary	29		
Spare	5		
	34	11	11

forward	178	85

Fort St. George 4th February 1848.

	Elephants	Camels	Total Elephants	Total Camels	1808
Forward			178	85	

1st Battalion Artillery Bullocks

Seringapatam 236 Men 24 Tents		10	
Hospital	13.		
Necessary	1.		
Quarter & Rear Guard and Store Tents 5.			
	19	6⅓	19
Spare		2⅔	
Masulipatam 61 Men 6 Tents		3	
Quarter Guard Hospital and Store Tents 4		1⅓	5
Spare		⅔	
Trichinopoly 74 Men 7 Tents		3	
Quarter Guard — Hospital and Store Tents		1⅓	5

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Spare ---------- 2/3

Malabar and Canara 9 & Men 10 Tents ---------- 4

Quarter Guard Hospital & Store Tents ---------- 1 1/3 ---------- 7

Spare ---------- 1

Hydrabad 9 & Men 10 Tents ---------- 4

Quarter Guard Hospital & Store Tents ---------- 1 1/3 ---------- 7

Spare ---------- 1

24 Men on Eastern Service and 9 Men with

Cavalry Corps not included --

2nd Battalion Artillery --

St Tho.s Mount 39 3 Men 39 Tents ---------- 16

Hospital ---------- 13

Necessary ---------- 1

Quarter and Rear Guard & Store Tents -- 5

19 ---------- 6 1/3

Spare ---------- 3 2/3 ---------- 26

N.B. Artillery 1 Tent for 10 Men ---- forward. 178 -- 154

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Total

	Elephants	Camels	Elephants	Camels
Forward			178	154

Ceded District Bullocks

84 Men 8 Tents		4	
Quarter Guard		1⅓	7
Hospital and Store Tents			
Spare		1	

Hydrabad 98. Men 10 Tents

		4	
Quarter Guard		1⅓	7
Hospital and Store Tents			
Spare		1	

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32 Men on Eastern Service
and 9 Men with Cavalry.
Corps not included - - - -

Total Elephants Camels Required - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	178	168
Total of Elephants and Camels Returned 1st. November - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Abstract of Public Elephants attached to His Majestys Regts

1808

	Number of Elephants	Number of Bullocks Loads	
Attached to His Majestys 12th Regiment	14	91	
" 30th "	3	14	106 Elephants =
" 33th "	14	85	667 Bullocks
" 34th "	17	118	given an Average of 6 Bullocks to 1 Elephant with
" 59th "	17	104	31 Remaining
" 69th "	14	83	
" 80 "	15	95	

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Madras European Regiment	12	77
Gun Elephant	3	"
Total	109	667

Signd Tho.s Young.
Agent for Pub.d Cat.s

A true Copy.
Signed V. Blacker.
D.y Q.r M.r Gl.

True Copies
Signed A Stock
Q.r M.r B.d. Registr.

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Fort St. George
9th February 1808.

Register of Public Elephants Attached to His Majesty's 12th Regiment Foot

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Number	Names of Elephants	Number of Bullock Loads each will Carry	Remarks
1	Moondy	8	
2	Payroe	7	
3	Gowry	6	
4	Mahomed Bux Kh	3	
5	Saraswathy	3	
6	Jay Chittrany	8	
7	Ballock Bauny	8	
8	Jamunah	8	

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9	Hamavay	8
10	Khoosh Cadam	7
11	Cauvey	5
12	Soonaberry	7
13	Gadarow	6
14	Soondar Gazee	7

Total 91

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Register of Elephants Attached to His Majesty's 33d. Regiment foot.

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Number.	Names of Elephants.	Number of Bullocks Loads each will Carry	Remarks.
1	Mun Moorath	7	
2	Sava Soorath	7	
3	Panyah Paycar	7	
4	Mahtab	7	
5	Roothan Shukoe	7	
6	Goonavathy	7	
7	Hameshany	5	

8	Yasar	5
9	Garad Bauze	5
10	Pudmavathy	5
11	Yamoney	4
12	Sookninah	5
13	Chumpa Cully	7
14.	Rampersad	7
	Total	85
1	Band Soobah	

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Gun Elephant allocated to Hyderabad Subsidiary Force

Register

Register of Public Elephants Attached to His Majesty's 34th Regiment foot.

Number	Names of Elephants.	Number of Bullocks Loads each will carry.	Remarks.
1	Kistnavany	8	
2	Parvatty	8	
3	Mahanpoory	7	
4	Cavy Dhull	7	
5	Rajah Gopaul	6	
6	Poorsett Dhull	6	
7	Hunavathy	5	

Dated at George Town Prince of Wales Island 1st February 1808.

Lt. & Adjt.

8	Gulbale	5
9	Dhularam	5
10	Hufsany Buksh	8
11	Cawder Buksh	8
12	Hoolat Lutchmy	8
13	Veeroosawmy	1
14	Afsid Mucknu	8
15	Saba Savi	8
16	Nun Jarrah	8
17	Imom Buksh	6
	Total	118

Port Louis 4th February 1808.

Register.

Register of Public Elephants Attached to His Majestys 59th Regiment foot.

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Number	Names of Elephants.	Number of Bullock Loads each will Carry	Remarks.
1	Ganjam Bavany	7	On Duty on Carnatic
2	Share Dhill	6	Ditto Ditto
3	Gaza Rauze	6	Ditto Ditto
4	Baghyrathy	6	
5	Allah Buksh	7	
6	Ubber Shukoe	7	
7	Bauzy Row	7	

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8	Coostho	6	
9	Gajah Gowry	6	
10	Reymon Burkoh	5	
11	Roy Shaker	5	On Duty in Canara
12	Ameen Burkoh	7	
13	Ghoolpraay	7	
14	Chinchulpraay	6	On Duty in Canara
15	Gungah	6	
16	Moodoo Kistnah	4	
17	Phool Sarry	6	
	Total	104	

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Register of Public Elephants Attached to His Majesty's 69th Regiment foot.

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Number.	Names of Elephants.	Number of Bullock Loads each will carry.	Remarks.
1	Bada Nunjundah	4	
2	Nyn Mathy	4	
3	Yamooney	8	
4	Jaggat Pany	6	
5	Sooriah	7	
6	Pursend Pany	7	

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7	Hossen Pany	6
8	Gayen Cully	6
9	Hussain Buksh	6
10	Mohemy	8
11	Mahomed Buksh	6
3	Elephants Detached by W.C. Conductor Campbell	15
	Total	83

Register

Register of Public Elephants Attached to His Majesty's 80th Regt. Foot.

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Number.	Names of Elephants.	Number of Bullocks Loads each will Carry	Remarks.
1.	Moobarak Maudah	7	
2.	Payrah	7	
3	Peer Buksh	7	
4	Laudoo	3	
5	Gun Ruthan	5	
6	Rufsia Booty	6	
7	Lutcan Rainey	6	

8	Busvanta Rauney	7
9	Punchacaleyany	6
10	Soorat Munpeany	6
11	Comla Cooty	5
12	Peer Buksh	7
13	Shaha Peary	8
14	Soorat Daur	8
15	Delaram	1
	Total	95

Grazing Depot.

1	Shaw Saulett	Gun Elephants
2	Mutually	

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Register of Public Elephants Attached to Madras European Regiment

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Number	Names of Elephants	Number of Bullocks Each will carry	Remarks
1	Raja Mungul	8	
2	Serohay	7	
3	Jobin Pany	7	
4	Thelet Rumna	6	
5	Soorat Malah	6	
6	Nerkes Malah	5	

7	Shulpat Ranny	6
8	Sultan Peary	7
9	Soondary	6
10	Terrah Peary	6
11	Rada Peary	7
12	Goolpary	6
	Total	77

Register

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Register of Publick Elephants Attached to His Majesty's 30th Regiment foot.

Number	Names of Elephants.	Number of Bullock Loads each will Carry	Remarks.
3	Elephants	14	

Abstract

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Abstract of Public Elephants Attached to His Majesty's Regiments &c.a

	Number of Elephants	Number of Bulls & Cows
Attached His Majesty's 12th Regiment	14	91
Attached His Majesty's 33d Regiment	14	85
Attached His Majesty's 34th Regiment	17	118
Attached His Majesty's 59th Regiment	17	104
Attached His Majesty's 69th Regiment	14	83
Attached His Majesty's 80th Regiment	15	95
Attached Madras European Regiment	12	77
Attached His Majesty's 30th Regiment	3	14
Gun Elephants	3	"
Total	109	667

(Signed) Tho.s Young

Agent for P. C.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) A. Stock

D.S. M. B.

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To His Excellency General Macdowel

President and Members of the Mil.t Board.

The humble Memorial of Veera

Pillay &c.a Head Bullock Mastrus

Still Prisoners at Scrangiapatam

by their Gomastas, namely, Casava

Naick and Narayana Naick.

We crave the liberty to put your

Excellency &c.a in minds of our former Petitions, Sta-

-ting our Grievance owing to the Arbitrary and ty-

-rannical Conduct of the Judge Colonel Symons

towards us pursuant to the Persuations of his a-

-friend Ragavaya against us, as follows-

The said Ragavaya haveng Re-

-ceived from the Honorable Company and Assumed

to himself our wages and Bullock hire to

the Amount of 80,000 Pagodas due by them

to us for our Servitude ever since the Capture

of

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of Seringapatam till lately, we Complained of it to your Excellency; when at Seerangapatam. The same time, Some Inhabitants having fowarded Complaints Against the Said Judge to Government, a Committee of Gentlemen was Sent to Seringapatam where they in-vestigated into those Complaints and Returned to Madras, Referring our Complaints against Ragava-ya to the Judges' Examination Accordingly we Applied to the Judge who, being partial with Ragava-ya, neglected hearing our Complaints and Recovering our due from him but on the Contrary the Judge having listened to his Said friend Ragavayas' evil persuations, instigated Some persons to make false Complaints Against us, and under that pretence, Ordered us to be Confined most unjustly and Ar-bitrarily — This done, the Judge himself did often expressly persuade us to Relinquish our de-mand upon the Said Ragavaya & Sign a Writ-ing

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-ting or acquittance to him promising that he would in such case, set us at liberty — but we rejected his persuations and consequently he became much displeased with us and puts us to great troubles and Restraints upon which subject, we forwarded our Petitions to this Honorable Board, Requesting them for us and Ragavaya &c.a to Madas and on enquiry recover our due from him to us — which Petitions your Excellency &c.a have been pleased to submit to the perusal of the late Governor as we have been informed, and consequently we have since preferred a Petition to the Honorable the present Governor who has not yet been pleased to give Redress for our Grievance.

Here we beg leave to obseve that notWithstanding our Repeated Complaints Against Ragavaya to your Excellency &c.a no notice has yet been taken owing to our Misfortune and

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that the Government has been pleased to appoint Judges and institute Judicial Courts abroad at the Expence of a vast deal of Money, publishing Regulations ordaining that if a Judge pronounces an unjust or partial Judgement or if he injures any body, the party Aggrieved should appeal therefrom to the Provincial Court, and if this Court gives a partial Decree, he should likewise appeal therefrom to Suder Dewanee Adalut: but in the present Case, the Judge Colonel Symons injures and tyranizes us several ways, as there is no Provincial Court at Seringapatam; therefore we are obliged to apply to you Board and also to Government.

We beg leave to Observe further, that the intimacy subsisting between the Judge and Ragavaya, is firm and inviolable: because the latter aided the former in falsifying the just complaints which had been lodged against him before

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before the Committee at Sevigapatam. So that they both seem to be of one Soul in two bodies as we have stated in one of our former Petitions and consequently they have torn off our writings and are fabricating new ones.

We beg leave to observe further, that we have long served in the Service of the Honourable Company and that their Servant Ragavaya assumed to himself our wages and Bullock hire due by them to us and that the Judge would not recover it from him to us and further that if your Excellency &c.a should still delay giving Redress for our grievance, we and our families who are very numerous must all be undone and further that Ragavaya is Rich and we are poor and it is about 3 Years since we have began to complain against him for the Recovery of our Money assumed by him: and that if

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if your Excellency should not please to give a Speedy Redress for our Grievance, and if the said Ragavaya should perhaps die then the Honor-able Company must be Responsible for our Money as the said Ragavaya being their Servant to and also for other Reasons well Known to your Excellency &c.

Therefore and as we can get no Justice from the Judge nor Recover our Due from his friend Ragavaya, We beg leave to Report our above Request that your Excellency &c. would please to have Mercy on us and pro-cure us and Ragavaya &c. to be sent for to Madras / as we being the Inhabitants thereof / that a Committee of Gentlemen may Sit to en-quire into our Case and Recover us and Recover us our due from Ragavaya, doing him Justice as he deserves for having injured us and wrought

deceptions

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deceptions with the Honorable Company; Be
soon pleased to gratify our Request, as we are
no more able to languish in Confinement.

Which Act of Justice would
bind Your Most humble Memorialist
Ever to Pray.

Madras
20th January 1808.

/Signed/ [illegible]

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To His Excellency
Lieutenant General Macdowall.
President and Members of the Military Board
at
Madras

The Humble Petition of Appoo
Pillay &c.a Prisonas at Seeranga
Patam, being a Party among the
Head Bullock Masters by his
Brother

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Brother and vakeel Chunna

Appoo.—

That Veera Pillay &c.a another party of the Bullock Masters having preferred a Com.= plaint to your Excellency, when commanded see.= =rungapatam, for the recovery of 80,000 Pagodas which the Paymasters manager Ragavya Bra.= =minee (having received from the Honorable Com.= =pany as their wages and Bullock hire) had taken to himself — The same time, your Petitioner and his party intended to Complain to your Excellency for the Recovery of their Balance of money due by the said Ragavya who then desired your Petitioner &c.a not to do so — The mean while Some Inhabitants presented Petitions against the Judge Colonel Symons to your Excellency — who forwarded those Petitions to Government —

That, at that time, the said

Ragavaya

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Ragavaya, being much afraid, paid 200 Pagodas as present or bribe into the Hands of your Servant Chinnaya Moodely and request him in Consideration thereof to prevent the Bullock People from approaching your Excellency; which 200 Pagodas the said Chinnaya Moodelly likewise laid the said 200 Pagodas in their presence — Thereupon, with a view to avoid suspicion and pass for a honest Man, the said Ragavaya requested your Petitioner and One Aula Pillay to pretend that they had given the above 200 Pagodas as Bride to the said Chinnaya Moodelly; which request they rejected, alledging that, if they pretended so they ought to make false Oaths (if required) which they would not do — Thereupon the said Ragavaya and the Judge Colonel Symons did jointly and Separately assure not to administer Oaths

to

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to your Petitioner and his Party, persuading them Several ways: adding that the Said Chinnaya Should be made guilty of Bribery; and their your Petitioners answered very well and pretended according to persuation.-

That Some days afterwards, Ra-gavaya repaired to Madras from whence he often wrote letters to your Petitioners promising to pay off their due thro' his people at Seerungapatam, On Condition that they Should Sign 2 Petitions which they did accordingly; One Petition was Sent to Ragavaya at Madras for this Honorable Board and the other Petition was presented by your Petitioners in address to the Judge Colonel Symons who intended to Send that Petition to the Same Board which your Petitioners prevented him from doing So, alledging that Ragavaya and his people have failed of Keeping their above promises

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promises, representing to him all the particulars of the said Ragavayas Tricks.

That now the abovenamed Chinnaya Moodelly's Vakeel having required your Petitioner &c.a to make Solemn Oath upon the above first mentioned Subject of Bribery, they have therefore been obliged to declare the fact matters. and Consequently the said Judge growing angry with your Petitioner &c.a ordered them to be Confined unjustly Giving them daily, grits of Rice and Doodie for their Subsistence / and restrains them in a very rigorous manner, with a design to Compell them to deliver in false Evidences against the said Chinnaya Moodelly and also to defeat them of their demands upon the said Ragavaya for payment of 9000 Pagodas due by him as their

wages

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wages and Bullock hire, or otherwise the said Judge and Ragavaya determined to expire their lives.. upon which and other Subjects, your Petitioner, thro' means of his Brother Chin-na appoo, preferred two Petitions to the late Governor William Petrie Esqr. who endorsed on the 2d Petition, referring it to the said Judge Colonel Symons, saying him to go or send that Petition to the very Judge / against whom your Petitioner &c. do Complain / which is a theme of deliver-ing up Sheep to the Charge of a Butcher. Hence it is evident, that your Petitioners Cause cannot be decided by the said Judge at Seringapatam, unless a Committee should be

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be instituted at Madras for that purpose.

Your Petitioners therefore

being Much aggrieved, owing to the said

Judges oppression and evil design to Conspire

their lives, if they refuse to tell lies accord-

-ing to his and Rogavayas persuations,

they most Humbly intreat your Excellency

&c.a will be pleased to be touched with

Compassion on their circumstance and order

them to be liberated and Sent to madras

because of their being the Inhabitants of that

Place, where, if a Committee be appointed as

aforerequested, they can prove the justness

of their Complaints to them, or otherwise if so

they can not prove it, they do hereby bind

themselves

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themselves to be hanged on Gallows. So we have forwarded a Petition to the Honorable the Governor Sir George Barlow who has not yet been pleased to give Redress for our Grievance which Redress your Excellency &c would please to get us Speedily for Reasons aforestated.

For which Act of Justice and Humanity, Your Excellency's Most Humble Petitioners, as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray.

Madrass 17th January 1808.

Signed [illegible]

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Fort St. George 9th. February 1800

To The Honorable

Sir George Hy. Barlow Bart. K.B.

Governor in Council.

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

From the same. Recommend payment of Bills. a.d. a.n.e.

Honorable Sir,

1. We beg to forward and to recommend payment of the following Bills Vizt.

No. 1. Bill of the Officer Commanding the 1st. Battalion of Pioneers at Vellore. for Coolies &c.a employed under the orders of that Officer in cleaning the Ditch of the Fort in the Month of July 1807 Amounting to Pagodas 3,835.30.40.

No. 2. Two Bills of the Contractors for victualling His Majesty's Navy, for Salt Provisions and other Articles Shipped on the Transports Byramjore, Providence and Milford for the use of the 1st. Battalion of Royals on the passage from Prince of Wales's Island to Fort St. George amounting to Pagodas 7,268.20.60.

No. 3.

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No 3..... Bill of Messrs Balfour and Baker Contiactors for the Supply of Water casks for the Public Service, for a quantity delivered to the Ship Milford at Penang which Conveyed a part of the above Regiment - Amounting to Pagodas 458 11 20

No 4..... Two Duplicate Bills marked D. and G. of the Garison Store Keeper in Canara for expences incurred in the Provision Department in the Year 1802 - Amounting together to Pagodas 3,702 25 22

2 In explanation of the cause of delay of the payment of the two last mentioned Bills, we beg to forward Copy of a Letter from the Garison Store-Keeper, and to remark, that the original Bills in question were Submitted for payment with our Letters of 16th March & 30th August 1802 - The Bill marked D. was authorized for payment on the 26th March following; and the Bill G. was Suspended until

Communication

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Communication could be made regarding the hire of Labor and price of Materials in Canara. These Communications having been received, enables us to judge of the accuracy of those Bills, and we now beg to recommend the Amount for payment.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

Signed
E. Irapaud.
F. Capper.
Rob.t Bell.
I. Munro.
P. Bruce.

Fort St. George
25th January 1808.

To Captain S. Marshall.
Secretary to the Military Board.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Having learnt from Mr. Buchan the Chief Secretary to Government that two Bills mark.d D and G. included in the List which accompanied

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=companied my Letter to your Board under the 24th July last, were by some accident mislaid, I take the liberty to enclose Copies of the same, and assure myself that the period these Bills have already lain over will excuse my requesting they may be again recommended for payment, with all due Convenience—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Fred. Reeves.

Garison Store Keeper.

Mangalore
24th December 1807.

True Copy

(Signed) A. Stock.

D. S. M. B.

To

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From the same
Recommend Bills
& Advances.

Fort St. George 9th February 1808.

To the Honorable

Sir George H. Barlow Bart. K.B

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

1 We have the honor to forward and to recommend payment of the following Bills, Vizt.

No. 1. Bill of the Officer Commanding the Squadron of Horse Artillery for expenses incurred in Making alterations and additions to the Horse Artillery Harness under authority of the Military Board, amounting to Pagodas 673. 22. 9 a balance whereof is due of Pagodas 223. 22. 9

No. 2 — Bill of the Garrison Store-Keeper at Vellore for Rice &c. Supplied to the Coolies employed in cleansing the ditch of Vellore in the Month of May 1807 — amounting to Pagodas 295

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295.27.66.

No. 3. Bill of the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency for repairs to the Fortifications of Fort St. George for the month of September 1807 amounting to Pagodas 231.4.37.

No. 4. Bill of the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency, amounting to Pagodas 417.14.29. for constructing the new vaccinating Pandalls near the Land Custom House, and on the west Esplanade of the Fort.

2 Regarding this work, we beg to forward a copy of the Report of a Committee which inspected it after the same was completed, and to notice, that the Bill includes the expense of rebuilding the Pandalls twice, the late Hurricane having destroyed them immediately after their completion the first time, the amount we recommend to be carried to the debit of Civil Charges

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Civil Charges

No. 5. Bill of the Officer Commanding at Hurryhur, for repairs executed to a Store Room at that Station, amounting to Pagodas 34-13-

No. 6. Bill of Mr. Thomas Parry, for 12,000 Setts of Buff Accoutrements made up for the Public Service at 2 Pagodas per Sett- amounting to Pagodas 24,000 whereof a Balance of Pagodas 11,500 remains due

No. 7. Bill of the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion of Pioneers for Charges incurred in bringing Materials for the use of the depot Barracks erecting at Arcot, amounting to Pagodas 266-28-

No. 8. Bill of the Conductor of Ordnance at Palghautcherry for transporting wood from

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from the villages adjacent, for the purpose of Stocking Muskets, amounting to Pagodas 2.5.5.8.--

This Expense has been incurred by an Order in consequence of information that good wood might be procured at a moderate expense.

We recommend also payment of an Advance of Pagodas 1,437.-- to the Superintending Engineer at Bangalore being the one third of the amount of the Estimate for Constructing a place of Arms and Offices for a Regiment of Native Cavalry at that Station.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
1st. February 1808.

&c. &c.

/Signed/ E. Trapaud.
F. Capper.
Robt. Bell.
J. Munro.
P. Bruce.

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Report of a Committee of the Military Board Consisting of the Chief Engineer, the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General of the Army, appointed the 22d. January 1808 to Survey the new Vaccinating Pandalls reported Completed by the Superintending Engineer.

The Committee having met and attended by the Superintending Engineer proceeded to examine the vaccinating Pandalls erected near the Land Custom House, and on the west Esplanade, which they find properly constructed and of good Materials.

Fort St. George
30th January 1808.

/Signed/ E. Trapaud Chief Engineer
F. Capper
J. Munro

A true Copy

/Signed/ A. Stock
D.A.G.M.B.

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered that authority be given for the payment of the Bills and Advances of Money recommended by the Military Board, and that the following Letter be dispatched.

To The President
& Members of
The Military Board

Gentlemen.

To the Military Board, 9th Feby

Para 1st I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 11th 15th & 25th Ult= =imo and of the 1st Instant.

2. The Governor in Council is pleased to authorise the proposed improvement of the Machinery for the Manufacture of Gunpowder agreeably to your ~~Suggestion~~, and has appro= =ved the Estimate which you have Submitted for the construction of a Place of Arms for a Regiment of Native Cavalry at Trichinopoly.

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3d The Governor in Council also ap-
proves the Orders which You have given
for Storing a quantity of Grain at Vizagapatam.

4th The resolution of the Governor in
Council on the Subject of your Letter of the 18th
ultimo will hereafter be communicated to
You. In the mean time I am directed to desire
that you will cause the unserviceable Provi-
sions mentioned in that Letter to be Sold,
as advantageously as possible, and that
You will not instruct the Garison Store-
Keeper to purchase any further Supply of
Salt provisions, without Special authority
from the Governor in Council for that purpose.

5th The Draft of the General Or-
der Submitted with Your Letter of the 25th
ultimo for Reducing Certain Establishments
in the Ordnance Department has been ap-
proved and published

6th The professional Skill and
Judicious

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Judicious attention to economy manifested by Lieute-
-nant Fraser of Engineers in the Repair of the North
Lunette of the Wallajah Gate of Fort St. George
are considered by the Governor in Council to be
Creditable to that Officer-

7. The Commander in Chief has been
requested to Modify the existing Regulations regard-
-ing Camp Equipage with reference to the Strength
and Description of the Force which He may deem
expedient to be maintained in a disposable
State during a period of Peace, and to Submit
the Regulations so modified for the Sanction of
the Governor in Council-

8. The Governor in Council being dis-
-posed to Concur in the Opinion of the Quarter
Master General of the Army regarding the em-
-ployment of Camels in preference to Elephants
in Carrying the Camp equipage of European Corps

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a reference will be made to the Supreme Government for the purpose of ascertaining the Rates at which Camels can be procured from the Presidency of Bengal.-

9. The Governor in Council has deemed it unnecessary to pass any Orders on the Subjects of the Two Petitions Submitted with Your Letter of the 25th. Ultimo.-

10 Authority has been given for the payment of the Bills & Advances of Money Recommended in Your Letters of the 25th. Ultimo. and 1st. Instant.-

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10th. February 1808.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a
(Signed) Geo. Strachey
Sect.y to Govern.t

Read.

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Read the following Letter

from the Military Auditor General.

To The Honorable

Sir George Hilaro Barlow Bart & K.B.

Governor in Council.

&c &c &c

From the Military Auditor General. Submits the draft of a G.O. for facilitating the payment of Subscriptions to the Medical Fund &c.

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's letter of the 23d December last with which was transmitted Copy of a letter from the Trustees for the Medical Fund, Requesting that Government would be pleased to permit the Amount of Subscriptions to that Fund to be drawn at the Presidency upon one General abstract, with which request Mr. Secretary Strachey in his letter informs me the Honorable the Governor in Council, had been pleased to comply. For the purpose of carrying into effect the Resolutions of your Honorable Board

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to Sanction the mode of drawing the amount of Subscriptions to the Medical Fund by the Trustees at the Presidency, in the manner Requested and for the purpose at the same time of Securing the Honorable Company from Sustaining Loss in the Recovery of the different Subscriptions, I have the honor to Submit the Accompanying Draft of a General Order, and Should it be approved of by your Honorable Board, it will be necessary to authorize the Military Paymaster General and the Subordinate Paymasters under this Presidency, to open an Account in their Books under the head of "Medical Fund."

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ P. Bruce

Mil.t Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George

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G. O. By Government.

The Honorable the Governor in Coun-
cil with a view to forward the Convenience of Sub-
scriptions to the Institution of the Medical Fund
has been pleased to authorize the Trustees for the
Management of the Fund, to receive the amount
of Subscriptions upon a General Abstract from
the Military Paymaster at the Presidency at
the beginning of every Month. To make good
the amount of this Sum, the Subscribers to the
Medical Fund have agreed that Monthly
Stoppages as herein after Specified, shall be re-
gularly made from the Pay Abstracts of each Indi-
vidual at the Station where he may be doing
duty or reside. To Carry the Same into effect the
Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased
to

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to Order and direct that from the 1st of March
Next all Paymasters under this Presidency shall
Stop from the Monthly Pay of Surgeons and all
Officers above that Rank on the Medical Esta-
-blishment of this Presidency who are Subscribers
to the Medical Fund the Sum of 5 Pagodas per
Month, and in the same Manner to Stop from
the Pay of Asistant Surgeons the Sum of three
Pagodas, who receive Pay within their Respective
Range of Payments, the Stoppage in March
being for February and in like manner for Sub-
-sequent Months, the Total Amount however of this
Pay Abstracts must as established by the Regu-
-lations of the Service be entered in the Paymas-
-ters Monthly Disbursements. To enable Paymas-
-ters to make these Stoppages, they will be fur-
-nished by the Secretary to the Medical Fund
with a Correct List of the Subscribers and
with

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with every Casualty or change which takes place by Death Promotion or new Subscription. These Stoppages are hereby directed to be brought to the Credit of the Honorable Company by Paymasters debiting themselves with the same in their Monthly Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements under the head of "Medical Fund" and for the purpose of ascertaining that due Credit has been given for these Sums so stopt, Lists corresponding with those transmitted to Paymasters will be furnished to the Military Auditor General by the Secretary of the Medical Fund Specifying the Names of Subscribers and the Stations where they are doing duty or Reside, and should the Stoppages from such Medical Officer not appear to be Credited in the Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements of a Paymaster from whom they receive their

Pay

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Pay, the Military Auditor General is hereby authorized and directed to Retrench that Amount from the Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements of such Paymaster as he is hereby held Responsible for the Same.

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/Signd/ P. Bruce
Mr. Audr. Genl.

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Draft of the General Order Submitted in the foregoing Letter be approved and published.

Read the following Letters from Bengal.

From Bengal — approve the resolution of Government for issuing the increased Pay — State that it is their not be expedient to make any Stoppage from the Staff-pay of Serjeant Major &c.

To The Honorable William Petrie Esqr.
Governor in Council.
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

We have had the honor to re-
ceive

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receive your Several dispatches of the 17th & 20th and 23d ultimo, with the enclosures to which they respectively refer, in continuation of the Proceedings of your Honorable Board on the Subject of issuing to the Non Commissioned Officers and privates of certain descriptions of the European Forces Serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George, the encreased rates of pay lately granted by His Majesty's Warrant to the corresponding Ranks of His Army.-

2d By the Resolution adopted in those proceedings for immediate effect being given to His Majesty's Warrant at the Presidency of Fort St. George, We observe that the authority Conveyed to you for that purpose in our letter of the 3d Instant has been anticipated The expediency of that measure however under all the circumstances which led to the adoption.

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adoption of it, is considered by us to be fully established, we have therefore the satisfaction to express our entire approbation of the Resolution taken by your Honorable Board under those circumstances to carry the provisions of His Majestys Warrant, with regard to the Troops serving under your Presidency, into execution, without waiting the Result of the reference which had been made to us for our sentiments on that Subject.

We have only further to remark that in giving effect to His Majesty's warrant in Bengal, we have not thought it advisable that any deduction from the Staff Allowances formerly drawn by Sergeants Major and Quarter Master Sergeants, should be made on account of the Augmentation of Pay which the non commissioned Officers of that Rank may be entitled to receive under His Majesty's Warrant, and

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it will therefore be expedient to pursue the same course at Fort St George.

We have the honor to be

Honorable Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Minto.

G. Hewett.

J. Lumsdene.

H. Colebrooke.

/Signed/

Fort William

the 11th January 1808.

Ordered that a Copy of the Order thereon.

third Paragraph of the preceding Letter, and of the 16th 18th and 19th Paragraphs of the Letter from Bengal under Date the 1st January last be furnished to the Military Auditor General for his information and guidance.

To

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To the Honorable

William Petrie Esqre

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From Bengal — State that they cannot authorize the payment of the allowances for which Lt Genl Mc Donall has applied, but that they will recommend his claim to the favorable notice of the Court of Directors.

Honble Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 5th Ultimo respecting the Claim preferred by Lieutenant General Macdowall, to the enjoyment of the same allowances as were drawn by Lieutenant General Stuart while holding the situation of Commander in Chief under the Presidency of Fort St George —

The scale of the allowances attached to the Chief Command of the Forces serving under the Presidency of Fort St George, when not united with a seat in the Council, differs materially, we observe, in the aggregate and the detail from that which regulates the allowances

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allowances of a Commander in Chief who is a Mem-
-ber of the Government. This difference therefore
which is applicable to the instances of Lieute-
-nant Generals Stuart and Macdowall precludes
us from recognizing the principle on which the
Claims submitted for our consideration is founded.

As however the Office of Commander
in Chief at Fort St. George has been Conferred on Lieute-
-nant General Macdowall by the Special Appoint-
-ment of the Honorable the Court of Directors, we are
at the same time of Opinion, that the dignity of
that high Station and the superior Responsibility and
labour which are attached to it, require that some
distinction in point of Allowances should be made,
between the Officer holding the Chief Command of
the Troops; under these Circumstances, and acquie-
-sing it by Seniority only, during the interval in
which the Situation may accidentally remain va-
-cant.

This

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This opinion appears to be in perfect Coincidence with the Sentiments expressed by the Honorable the Court of Directors in a late dispatch to your Presidency on the Subject of the additional allowances claimed by Sir John Cradock, wherein the Honorable Court Observe that it could not be Supposed that the Salary enjoyed by the Commander in Chief as a Member of Council was not in their Consideration, when his allowances in the former Capacity were established."

In this view of the Subject it would have afforded us great Satisfaction to have authorized the allowances of Lieutenant General Macdowall being immediately placed on Such a footing as might be more adequate, than we at present Conceive them to be to the Situation and importance of His Excellency's Command. But Considering ourselves to be restricted from the adoption of any measure of that nature by the orders so pointedly brought

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to the notice of the Governments in India, on various oc-
-casions by the Honorable Court of Directors, we sub-
-mit but not without regret, to the only alternative in
our power of recommending to the favorable Consider-
-ation of the Honorable Court, the Claim of Lieutenant
General Macdowall to a higher scale of Allowances
than has been assigned to an Officer succeeding Cadven-
-tally to the Command of the Forces at the Presidency
of Fort St. George -

We do not however entertain any
apprehension that the delay incident to the propo-
-sed reference, will be injurious to the personal in-
-terests of Lieutenant General Macdowall, as we con-
-clude, that the arrears of any increased allowances
which his Excellency may obtain under the decision
of the Honble Court, will be granted from the
period at which he assumed the Office of Command-
-er in Chief at Fort St George -

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Fort William
11th January 1808.

We have the honor to be.
Honorable Sir,
Your Most Obedient.
Humble Servants.

(Signed)
Minto.
G. Hewett.
J. Lumsden
H. Colebrooke.

Ordered that the following
Letter be dispatched to the commander in Chief.

To Lieutenant General Macdowall
Commander in Chief.

Sir,

To the Commander in Chief with a Copy of the Letter from Bengal on the subject of his allowances, stating the intention of this Government to recommend his Claim by the present dispatch.

Para 1. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to You the inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council

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in reply to the reference which was made to
His Lordship in Compliance with Your Re-
quest on the Subject of your allowances as Com-
mander in Chief at this Presidency.

2nd The established allowances of the
Commander in Chief, when He is not a Member
of the Council, being defined in the Pay Tables
published for the general information of the Army
it does not occur to the Governor in Council
that any further observation is required on
the Subject of your Letter, than to express his
hope that the intended recommendation of the
Supreme Government in Support of your preten-
sions will be favorably received by the

Honorable

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Honorable Court of Directors, and to inform You that a recommendation on the part of this Government to the same effect will be Submitted to the Honorable Court by the present Dispatch.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Fort St. George
10th February 1808.

&c &c &c

Signed Geo: Strachey.

Sect. to Govt.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bombay.

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To George Strachey Esquire.

Secretary in the Military Department
at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bombay - States that the Gratuity in lieu of Rice will only be issued to the 2d Regimt. of Native Cavalry, when rice shall be above Rs. 104..32 fs. the Garce.

In reference to the letter from this Department dated 26th December 1807 to the Acting Chief Secretary, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you, for the information of the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, the

1/ Accompanying Copies of a Letter addressed by the Chief Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency dated the 14th Instant, and of the Reply from the Secretary

2/ to the Military Board of the same date, and to acquaint you that, on the explanation afforded in the above documents, the Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to modify the orders of the 26th Decem-
ber, and to direct that the Regiment of Madras Native Cavalry, attached to the Subsidiary Force Serving in the Deckan, shall only be entitled to receive the gratu-
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city in Money, in lieu of Rice, when the price of that article in the Bazar exceeds 104 Pagodas 32 Fanams the Garce.

Bombay Castle
21st January 1808.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
/Signed/ H. Newnham
Secy to Govt.

To. Major General John Bellasis.
President &c.a Members
of the Military Board.

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to recall your attention to, and to submit the following observations on the recommendation offered in your Secretary's letter of the 10th of last Month that is that the Native Cavalry of the Poona Subsidiary Should receive a gratuity in money when the average price of Rice in the Bazar was above

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above 10 Pagodas p. Garce.

2 It appears by the 10th Paragraph of the Minute of the Auditor General accompanying your Letter of the 22d of October, that by the Madras Regulations, the Native Troops (fighting Men) in the field on Actual Service are, when the price of Rice exceeds 104 Pagodas 32 fanams p. Garce, entitled to receive it from the public Stores at that Rate the Auditor offering it as his opinion that a Compensation in money equal to the difference between the price at which Rice is Sold in the Market and what is charged for it by the Company when Troops are entitled by the Regulations to receive it, should be granted to the Madras Native Cavalry Serving with the Bombay Troops Subsidized by the Peishwah - the Auditor further suggesting that it be ascertained whether the Troops Composing the Subsidiary Force at Hydrabad benefit by the Regulation quoted

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"To Serve as a rule for guidance in the instance of the Poona Station.

3. The reference having been made up on your recommendation, information in respect to the practice at Hydrabad was Solicited Accordingly and obtained - but in making that reference it never was the intention of the Governor in Council to authorize an encrease of the indulgence heretofore granted to the Madras Cavalry at Poona, to the Standard of the Hydrabad Compensation in the event of its proving greater than the Poona one; but to lower the latter or to discontinue it altogether, provided no Similar indulgence was admitted in favor of the Madras Troops at Hydrabad, with the View of placing the Madras and Bombay Native Sepoys Serving at the Same Station on an equal footing, if a precedent could be found at Hydrabad to lead to a discontinuance of the indulgence to

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the Madras Regiment of Cavalry at Poona—

4 It appears from the documents received from the Resident at Hydrabad that the Native Troops of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force receive Compensation Money in lieu of Rice when the Average price in the Market exceeds 70 Pagodas P. Garce that information having been communicated to you - you recommended that the same rule of guidance might be observed with respect to the Native Cavalry of the Poonah Subsidiary Force - that is, that they should receive a gratuity in Money when the average price of Rice in the Bazar is above 70 Pagodas P. Garce and which Government have adopted—

5. From the general Orders published by the Madras Government under the 30th of December 1806 as forwarded from Hydrabad, it, however appears.

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appears that this Standard of 70 Pagodas ₱ Garce is expressly limitted to Stations where the Troops are upon field allowances; by this Remark, it is not the intention of the Governor in Council to enter into a consideration of the grounds on which that order has been acted upon at Hydrabad, where the Troops are on field allowances, but merely to shew its in-applicability to the Poona Station; whereas the Madras Native Troops already enjoyed an indulgence denied to the Bombay Sepoys, in having the Rice issued to them at the Rate of 104 Pagodas 32 fanams ₱ Garce, when the price of the Article exceeds that Standard, it never was the object of Government to encrease this invidious indulgence by granting it to the Madras Cavalry when the price of Rice was beyond Conby 1/10 Pagodas ₱ Garce

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6 I am therefore directed to require your earliest explanation on this Subject, that instructions may be issued in Correction of those which have already been promulgated on the grounds of the Recommendations Conveyed in your Secretary's letter of the 10th December.

Bombay Castle 14th January 1808.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt
(Signed) Francis Warden
Chief Sect. to Govt.

A true Copy
(Signed) Francis Warden
Chief Sect. to Govt.

To Francis Warden Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

In acknowledgement of your letter of the 14th Instant, I am directed by the Military Board

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Board, to request you will Communicate to the Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Recommendation which they inadvertently offered in my letter of the 10th Ultimo, procieded from an idea, with which they have been constantly impressed, that the Regulations under which the Hyderabad Force, existed, were taken as a basis for the formation of that at Poonah; and it not occurring to them that the Troops at the former Station, Received an Indulgence which is not extended to any others who are on field allowances, under the Explanation however now offered in your Letter under Reply this Board do not hesitate to recommend an immediate Modification of the Recent Orders and that the Natives Composing the Cavalry of the Poonah force Should only be entitled to the Gratuity in Money, as already Resolved on; when the

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price of Rice in the Bazar exceeds 104 Pagodas 32 fanams the Garce,

I have the honor to be

Bombay
Mill. Bds. Office.
14th January 1808.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Jas. Hallett.

Secretary.

True Copy—

(Signed) F. Warden

Chief Sec. to Govt.

Resolved that a copy of the fore-going Letter be furnished to the Military Auditor General for Consideration and Report, as it is appre-hended that the Regulations of this Presidency re-garding the Issue of Rice to the Troops are not perfectly understood by the Government of Bombay—

Resolution thereon.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad.

To

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To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Hydrabad submits Captain Johnstons Explanation of his accounts with the Bunjarrie's, & states him to be entitled to receive Credit for 18,000 Rupees.

Sir,

Para 1st. In compliance with the Desire of Government I called upon Captain Johnston for a further Explanation of the Points alluded to as the Military Auditor Generals Report upon his Account with the Bunjaraks, and I have now the Honor to transmit to you a Copy of Captain Johnstons Reply to me, together with Copies of the several Enclosures which accompanied his Letter.

2.d The Facts Adduced by Captain Johnstone are so Circumstantial and his Inferences from those Facts appear to me so just, that it is necessary for me to explain the Grounds upon which I am induced to draw the following Conclu-

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-sion "That he is entitled to receive Credit for the
"Sum of 18000 Rupees advanced by him to the Brin-
="jarrahs for the Purchase of Grain in Berar"-

3. It may be proper for me to mention
that I have examined the Several Indents for Grain
produced by Ram Chitty, the Servants of Major Boat-
-chellor, and I find that all those Indents are dated
from the 28th. of April and in May 1804. and that
they are drawn upon Captain Batchellor Acting
Commissary of Grain. I have not thought it Necessary
to Swell this dispatch with the Indents, but
the Originals are in my Possession and can be
transmitted to Madras, if they be Required by Govern-
=ment.-

4th. I trust that in the Course of a
Short Time I shall be able to Settle the Account
between Rajah Mohiput Ram and Captain John-
-stone.-

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-stone. The Circumstances in which the Rajah has lately been engaged at Shorapoor prevents me Corresponding with him at present upon the Subject of those Accounts, but as the Ministers of the Nizams Government are engaged in adjusting the whole of the Rajahs Accounts, I intend to call upon them to adjust the account between him and Captain Johnstone, which was Referred to my Decision by the Secretary's Letter of the 15th April 1807.

5th But Captain Johnstones Presence not being Necessary at this Place and as he has again expressed his Anxiety to proceed to Madras. I have availed myself of the Permission granted in the 5th Paragraph of the Secretary's Letter of the 15th April 1807 to authorize Captain Johnstone to leave Hydrabad and to proceed to the Presidency

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Hydrabad
28th January 1808.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Thomas Sydenham
Resident.

To
Captain Sydenham
Resident &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

In obedience to your Instructions Con-
tained in a Letter dated the 25th December 1807
calling upon me to furnish you with such fur-
ther Explanations as may be necessary to the fi-
nal adjustment of my Accounts with the Bri-
gades, particularly the Article relative to the
18000 Rupees advanced for the purchase of Grain
in Berar, I have the honor to transmit to you
two public Letters from Captain Mackintosh,
which

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which Contain some further particulars relating to that transaction, and which I trust you will find perfectly satisfactory.-

I have endeavoured to ascertain from the Man, who was formerly head Brinjarrah Writer, and who is at present Cutwall to the Cantonment Bazar, at what time the advance of 18000 Rupees was made to Dafsoo Naig, and he has Supplied me with an Extract from his Accounts /No. 3/ which States it to have been made on the 19th February 1804- This Circumstance is in some degree corroborated by the acknowledgements, which Captain Mackintosh States, Bemah Naick and Letchmah Naick to have made before the Committee, appointed to investigate my Accounts with the Brinjaries, that that Sum had been issued to Dafsoo Naick.

The appointment of Captain Batchellor to

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to act as Superintendant of Bunjarrees did not take place, as you will perceive from the enclosed authenticated Extract of Detachment Orders / No. 4 / until the 21st of April 1804 which is two Months subsequent to the time at which the advance was made.

To prove that the Grain for which I had made the advances, was received and issued by Captain Batchellor subsequent to the 21st of April 1804. I have endeavoured to collect every testimony in my Power.

A man of the Name of Ram Chitty who was a Bunjarra Writer to Captain Batchellor, and who is at present at Hydrabad States that this Grain was brought into Camp on the 26th of April, that a part of it was issued to various Officers whose Indents he produces, that the Money was collected

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-lected by Captain Batchellor and Paid to Rajah Mahiput Ram by order of Lieutenant Colonel Halibenton.

These circumstances are stated by Captain MacKintosh in his Letter /No. 2/ in whose presence Ram Chitty made the above Declaration to me.

The first part of this Statement you will perceive is also Corroborated by Captain MacKintosh in his Letter /No. 1/ where he states that he recollects a Quantity of Grain being brought by Dasso Naick Bunjarah into Camp about the latter end of April, which was delivered to Captain Batchellor."

I cannot refrain from calling your attention to the Comparative Dates of Captain Batchellor's Appointment, and the period at which

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which he received and issued the Grain, as stated by Ram Chitty, confirmed by the Recollection of Captain Mackintosh, and the dates of the several Indents in the profession of Ram Chitty. Captain Batchellor was appointed on the 21st. of April, and on the 26th. of the same month, he received, and commenced to Issue the Grain. At that period Grain could only be obtained from the distant Provinces of Bera-

I hope I shall be permitted to draw the inference that the Grain which he did Receive must have been obtained on the advances made by me.

From this Statement I hope it will appear Satisfactory to you, that the advance of 18000 Rupees was made by me on the 19th. Fe-bruary 1804. That Captain Batchellor was appointed on the 21st. of April, and that the Grain was delivered to him on the 26th. of that Month. That

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I ought therefore to be allowed Credit for the Amount, and that Captain Batchellor should account for the Proceeds of the Grain.

I have also the honor to inclose a Public Letter from Captain Conway / No. 5 / relative to the Article objected to by the Military Auditor General in his Report on the Statement of my Accounts with the Bunjaras: which I hope will be found fully Satisfactory.

I have the honor to remain.

Hydrabad.
25th. January 1808.

D.o D.o D.o

/Signed/ S. Johnstone.

late Superr. of Bunjaras

A true Copy

/Signed/ Charles Russell

Second Assistant

To

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Fort St. George 9th. February 1808.

To Captain Johnston

late Superr. of Bungarees.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th. ultimo, giveng Cover to a letter addressed to you, by Captain Syden. Sham regarding a Sum of eighteen thousand Rupees /18,000/ Charged to the account of the Bungarrahs in your Statement of your transactions with those people, and requesting of me to State any Circumstance relative to it which may be within my Knowledge.

The distant Period of which you wrote Renders it impossible for me to see as clear as it may be necessary for a transaction of so consi. derable an Amount and Consequence to you and Major Batchellor, but I perfectly Recollect that the Sum of /30,000/ thirty thousand Hydrabad Ru. pees /being the Sum paid for the Aadghur Grain/ was entirely Seperate from the Sum admitted as

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an advance Made to the Brinjarrahs who were
Sent to Buar for Grain. - I also recollect a Quanti-
-ty of grain being brought by Dassoo Naick Brin-
-jarrah into Camp About latter end of April, which
was delivered to Captain Batchellor. A Short time
Subsequent to the Accounts between you and the
Brinjarahs having been examined by the Committee
Ordered to investigate your Accounts, and that it
was Said About the balance of 18,000 eighteen
thousand Hydrabad Rupees which Sum Bima
Naick and Letchmaw Naik Head Brinjarahs
where before the Committee Acknowledged to
have been Spend to Dassoo Naik for the purchase
of Grain but whether the Amount as the Grain
being disposed off was Carried to the Account of
Government by the Supt. of Brinjarah or
whether he paid it into the hands of the Brin-
-jarahs.

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=jarrahs it is impossible for me to State, not having any further Knowledge of the transaction, the Circumstance is the More forcibly impressed in my Mind from a part of the Grain having been issued to Officers for the Use of those fol=lowers=

Secundrabade 2d January 1808

Signed A. Mackintosh Capta
Supt of Bunjarees

A true Copy
Signed Charles Russell
Second Assistant

To Captain Johnston
late Supt of Bunjarahs.

Sir, On further enquiry regarding the Berar Grain, Stated in my letter of the 2d January as ha=ving been brought into Camp in April 1804 by Dasoo Naik Bunjarah, I find that Ram Chitty Hunter

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Writer formerly employed by major Batchellor while Supt. of Binjarrahs has in his posefeon Several Receipts or Indents of Officers for Grain issued at that Period, he further States, that the Sum was Collected by himself by Order of Mayor Batchellor and the whole paid into the hands of Rayah Mayspetram by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Halebunton.

I have directed him to furnish you with a full and Circumstantial detail of this transaction So far as comes within his Recollection and also to deliver up the indents which he has by him.

Seaundrabad
25th January 1808.

Signed A. Mackintosh
Supt. of Binjarahs

A true Copy
Signed Charles Russell
Second Assistant
Translation

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Translation of a Memorandum given by Gugun Sing, Cutwall to the Cantonment Bazar, to Captain John-son, and forming Enclosure N. 33. to Captain Johnson's Letter to Captain Sydenham dated — ... —

Memorandum.

On the 19th. of February 1804 Captain Johnson Advanced the Sum of 18,000 Hydrabad Rupees to Dasoo Naik Bunjarah for the purpose of purcha-sing Grain and Dispatched him towards Berar.

This Paper has been written in Tes-timony of the above Circumstance that it may remain as a voucher.

January 26th. 1808.

Signed Gugun Sing
Mootsuddy

A true Translation
Signed Charles Russell
Second Assistant.

Extract

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Extract from D. O. of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force.

21st. April 1804.

Captain Batchellor is appointed to Act as Superintendant of Bunjarrahs Until further Orders.

True Extract

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway.

Deputy Adjt. General.

A true Copy.

(Signed) Charles Russell.

Second Assistant.

To Captain Johnston.

late Superintendant of

For, Bunjarrahs

In reply to your Letter of the 30th. ultimo, I have the honor to enclose you Copy of the D. Or. of the 13th. April 1803.

The length of time that has elapsed since the Circumstance to which you allude, of the Separation of the Baggage from the Subsidiary Force on the above date, prevents my stating any Circumstances with

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with Sufficient Accuracy to form an Official Voucher upon, but as far as I can trust my Recollection at this distant period, I am of opinion that the Grain and Sheep in question were issued to the troops Detached in Search of the Baggage, and I have the more Confidence in offering this Opinion from Recollecting to have heard the late Colonel Stevenson mention it as a fortunate Circumstance that a few Bunjarrahs had followed the Line.

Sam Sir &c &c

(Signed) T. H. S. Conway. Dep. Adj. Genl.

A true Copy

(Signed) Charles Russell. Second Assistant

Cantonment Secunderabad 27th Nov. 1807

Extract from D.O. of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force, under the Command of Colonel Stevenson

Camp at Bumalle 13th April 1803.

Two Complete Squadrons from the Cavalry Brigade with a Brigade of 3 Pounder Gallopers and a Company under an European Officer from each Battalion in the Line to Parade at 3 O'Clock tomorrow Morning in front of the Artillery Park and Proceed towards Pundapoor under the orders of the Field Officer of the day now on duty until he falls in with the Baggage of the Subsidiary Force which has gone out of the Road, and will then escort it to camp, - The Field Officer of the day will be pleased to detach

Small

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Small parties of the Cavalry to look out for it on each flank but at no time to be out of sight of the Detachment. He will receive Guides & a Small party of Mohiput Rams horse on Applying to Captain Johnstone this Evening.

True Extract
(Signed) J. H. A Conway
Dpt. Adjt. Genl.

A true Copy.
/Signed/ Charles Russell
Second Assistant.

Bound thereon -

Ordered that the foregoing Letter be refered for Consideration and Report to the Military Board.

" G. H. Barlow

" W. Petrie

" C. Oakes

" Ja. H. Casamajor

E. E. Wrangy

Office Lieut Consult.
9th February 1808.
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