



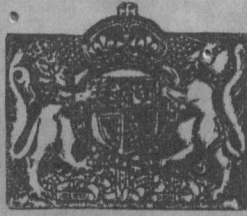
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<i>From the Acting Collector in Canara—</i> Reports the arrival at Mangalore of Meer Mahommed Khan and the measures adopted for the discovery of the papers reported to have been in his possession, when no such documents could be found—considers the report as originating in a wish to asperse the character of Meer Mahomed Khan on the part of some friends of his late brother with whom he was not cordial.	15 <sup>th</sup> . March	75
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<i>From the envoy at Goa—</i> Forwards copy of a dispatch addressed to the Governor at Bombay, respecting a request of the Governor at Goa, to relieve the Portuguese troops in the provinces for the purpose of assembling at Goa to receive the Viceroy expected from Lisbon.	24 <sup>th</sup> . September	206
<i>To the Principal Collector—</i> Encloses copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government at Bombay, and desires that he will adopt the most expeditious means of apprizing that Government of the appearance of an enemy's fleet off the Coast of Malabar, states that a similar communication has been made to the Principal Collector of Canara.	October	246
The same to the Principal Collector in Canara.		
<i>To the envoy at Goa—</i> Encloses copy of a letter to the Government of Bombay relative to the evacuation of Goa, states that certain troops have been ordered to be in readiness to embark in order to replace the garrison, if the Government of Bombay should carry that determination into execution.	3 <sup>d</sup> . November	272
<i>To the Principal Collector—</i> Desires that he may comply with any requisitions which he may receive from the Resident at Travancore, with regard to the embarkation of troops from the province of Malabar.	D <sup>h</sup> .	278
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<i>From Ditto—</i> Encloses copy of a letter with enclosures to the Governor-General relative to the garrison of Goa and present means of defence.	17 <sup>th</sup> . December	429
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<i>To—</i> States the measures which have been deemed expedient for reinforcing the subsidiary troops at Hyderabad, consistent with the instructions of His Excellency the Governor General—specifies the orders which are directed to be issued in consequence and encloses copy of a letter which has been dispatched to the Officer Commanding the southern division of the army.	11 <sup>th</sup> January	17
<i>To—</i> Directs that the orders which were issued for the movement of His Majesty's 33 <sup>d</sup> and 34 <sup>th</sup> regiments may be countermanded and that such of the troops as may have marched may return to their former stations.	January	22
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✓ <i>From Ditto</i> —States the measures which have been adopted for assembling a force at Hurry Hurr, details its strength and that of the disposable force in Mysoor—requests the orders of Government with regard to the conduct to be observed towards any body of troops which may take a menacing position on the frontier—details the number of horse which may be raised	D <sup>o</sup> .	190



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<i>To Ditto</i> —Expressive of satisfaction at the measures adopted by the Government of Mysoor for the purpose of meeting the eventual contingency of the renewal of war, and the efficient state of the Silladar horse, the augmentation of which is for the present considered unnecessary—desired to be guided in regard to the line of procedure to be observed towards the feudatories on the Maratta frontier, by the communications which he will probably receive from Colonel Close—transmits extract of a letter from the Governor-General, and desires in conformity to the intention of His Excellency, that the repairs at Seringapatam may for the present be discontinued.	27 <sup>th</sup> . August	195
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<i>To Ditto</i> —States the probability of a peace being soon concluded with Dowlut Row Scindia, and that instructions had in consequence been received from the Governor-General for the discontinuance of the precautionary measures which had been adopted for the defence of Mysoor.	November	349
<i>From Ditto</i> —States that the preparations for eventual field service will be discontinued.	December	418
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<i>His Minute</i> —Lays before the Board extracts of letters which he has received from the Resident with the Rajah of Tanjore, relative to the conduct of Soobarow who was employed confidentially under Mr. Webbe, late Resident with Dowlut Rao Scindia—states at length the measures which appear necessary to be taken in consequence of Soobarow's treachery.	19 <sup>th</sup> . March	78
<i>His Minute</i> —Adverts to the distance of this Government from the theatre of war, and the consequent disadvantages to the event of a reverse of fortune happening to the army in the north, and its probable consequences—states the opinion of His Lordship that an efficient force of infantry, cavalry and artillery should be immediately assembled in the Ceded Districts near the northern frontier—recommends that the Commander-in-Chief be requested to submit his sentiments of the force necessary for the service—states his Lordship's intention to recommend that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to make all arrangements for the equipment, and to direct the movement of the troops—recommends documents connected with the subject to be kept secret for the present,	27 <sup>th</sup> . August	181

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<i>His Minute</i> — Submits three documents respecting Sooberow and recommends that the Resident at Tanjore be directed to inform Sooberow that upon Enquiry, Government have not found cause to consider him guilty, and that permission is given him to return to Tanjore.	October	212
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<i>The President records an Extract from a public print received by an American ship which lately arrived at Fort St. George</i> — States that it is probable from accounts derived from various sources of information having reached New York, that the combined French and Spanish fleets are arrived in the West Indies, and it is also said, that Admiral Nelson is on his way thither.	D <sup>o</sup> .	227
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<i>His Minute</i> — States that for various reasons there is cause to imagine that the ultimate destination of the enemy's fleet now at sea may be for this Country, and his Lordship therefore proposes that the Commander-in-Chief be requested to lay before the Board a statement of the army now within our territories available for the purpose of repelling French invasion, the disposition of the army that may be best calculated in his opinion to frustrate such an attempt and such measures as may be best calculated for our defence and further that those opinions and such preparations as may be determined upon be submitted to Lord Cornwallis for his approbation.	18 <sup>th</sup> . October	233
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<i>His Minute</i> — Lays before the Board a private letter from the Governor of Bombay with a minute explaining the grounds upon which the Government of Bombay have determined to withdraw the garrison of Goa for the defence of Bombay— states that Goa is the most dangerous position at which a French force could land on either side of the Peninsula from the certainty of their being joined by the Marhattas, proposes that this Government should immediately detach a force for the garrison of Goa and states that were even our force smaller than it is, no part of it could be posted more essentially to our protection than at Goa—aware that this Government are going beyond their strict limits in adopting this measure but trusts that circumstances will justify it—recommends that a letter be written to the Admiral expressing the opinion of the Government that the squadron should be stationed on the Coast of Malabar in preference to Trincomalle.	3 <sup>d</sup> . November	255

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<i>To the Resident</i> — Conveying to him instructions relative to the mode of conduct to be observed towards Soobarow in consequence of his supposed treachery when in the service of Mr. Webbe late Resident with Dowlut Rao Scindia.	1 <sup>th</sup> . March	84
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<i>From the Resident</i> — Encloses copy of his letter to Major General Macdowall.	January	1
<i>To</i> — Transmits copy and Extract of the letters which have been dispatched to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army and the Officer Commanding the army in Chief directs that the measure of calling for the services of the native battalion at Pallamcottah may if practicable be avoided.	11 <sup>th</sup> . January	19
<i>From</i> — Encloses copy of a letter which he addressed to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army requesting he would order thither the native battalion specified in the dispatch from Government, states his intention of addressing the Officer Commanding in Malabar, transmitting a requisition for the speedy movement to the Travancore frontier of the 2 <sup>d</sup> . battalion 6 <sup>th</sup> . regiment native infantry.	5 <sup>th</sup> . February	45
<i>To</i> — Encloses copies of letters to the Governor of Bombay and to the envoy at Goa, and informs him that the arrangements connected with the embarkation of troops to Goa is entrusted to his superintendence, states that the Commander in Chief has been requested to send such number of troops as may be possible to replace the two battalions which may be eventually withdrawn from Travancore—Encloses also copies of letters to the Principal Collector in Malabar, and to the Officer Commanding His Majesty's 80 <sup>th</sup> . regiment.	3 <sup>d</sup> . November	274
<i>To the Resident</i> — Informs him that the eventual embarkation of the troops is countermanded and desires that the Officers who were placed under his requisition may be apprized of this circumstance.	5 <sup>th</sup> . November	294
<i>From</i> — Acknowledge the receipt of the letters of the 3 <sup>d</sup> . and 5 <sup>th</sup> . instant, and states that the measures confided to his superintendence for the embarkation of troops for Goa had they not been countermanded would most probably have been carried into effect in a satisfactory manner.	22 <sup>d</sup> . November	327
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troops into quarters.

