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VICTUALLING CONTRACT.

PURSUANT to ORDERS from the RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS of the ADMIRALTY, addressed to VICE ADMIRAL PETER RAINIER, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Indian Seas.

NOTICE is hereby given, that SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at my Office on or before the 26th. of October next, for supplying His Majesty's Squadron in the East Indies, with PROVISIONS of all Species during their continuance in these Seas; or until Twelve Months warning for dissolving the Contract shall have been given by either Party.

The said Contract to Commence on the 8th. day of June 1804.

THE CONDITIONS for the CONTRACT are as FOLLOWS VIZ.

1st.—That the Proprietor do engage to supply His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in the East Indies, either in Peace or War, with good and whole some BISCUIT, FLOUR, WHEAT, RICE, PEASE, SUGAR, RYE, SINS, KISMILLS, BLACK TEA, WINE, RUM, ARRACK, and VINEGAR, together with Fresh Provisions occasionally whilst in Port.

2d.—That the same be delivered on board the different Ships in such proportions as may be ordered, at their Moorings or Anchoring places in the River Hooghs, Madras Roads, the Harbour of Bombay, at Prince of Wales's Island, Trincomalee, or at any other British Settlement in the Bay of Bengal, or on the Malabar Coast.—The Purfers of their Stewards to be present, and to inspect the Weighing and Condition of the Provisions before they are embarked for the Ships, if the Contractor shall require it.

3d.—For the convenience of the Contractor he shall be allowed, if he thinks proper, to have an AGENT on Board one of the Ships of the Squadron, to transact his business at the different Ports, and to obtain with greater celerity the necessary Supplies, particularly of FRESH PROVISIONS.

4th.—The Proprietor to specify separately, in words at full Length, the exact Prices in Sterling Money, at which the different Articles will be furnished at the beforementioned places, either by the Gallon, or the English Hundred weight of 112 lb. Avoirdupois.

5th.—The Supplies to be delivered upon the requisition of the Commanders of any part of the Squadron by regular Demands, and the quantities to be ascertained by the Purfers receipts, which alone, are to be deemed Vouchers to entitle the Contractor to payment.—Forms for such Demands and receipts may be seen on application at my Office.

6th.—The Quantities of Provisions and Victualling Stores to be furnished annually, being in the preferor situation of Affairs quite uncertain, the CONTRACTOR must hold himself liable to provide for whatever number of Ships may occasionally be employed in the Indian Seas.

7th.—The Wheat, Rice, Sugar, Pease, Raisins, and Kismills, are to be delivered in good and strong CASKS; the Rates proposed in the Contract for supplying the said Articles are to include the expense of providing Calks likewise.—The Biscuit in General will be delivered in Bags, but the CONTRACTOR must also specify the Rate per Hundred Weight, at which he will deliver it in Calks when required to do so.

8th.—In addition to the above, when in Port, one pound of FRESH BEER, will be to be served to each Man per Day, for four days in the Week, or oftener, if it shall be required; the Contractor is therefore to specify the rate per Pound in Sterling Money, at which the Fresh Meat will be supplied at the different Ports, in the several parts of India before specified, or on the Malabar Coast.

9th.—The Contractor to supply Substantial Casks if required, for Water, Rum, Arrack, Wine and Vinegar, the Calks are to consist of Leagers, Half Leagers, Butts, Puncheons, Hogheads, Barrels and Half Hogheads, with the usual Proportion of Iron Hoops for each, and he is to state his Proposals, the Rate at which each Ton of Calk will be supplied, calculating—

Three LEAGERS Equal to Two Ton,
Two BUTTS to One Ton,
Three PUNCHEONS to Ditto,
Four HOGHEADS to Ditto,

Six BARRELS to Ditto,
Eight HALF HOGHEADS to Ditto,
each Ton of Calk is expected to contain 452 Gallons Wine Measure, and all Calks are to be made of Sound and well Seasoned Teak or Oak Timber.—The Dimensions of the Staves and Heading Pieces, are to be conformable to the usual and established Customs of the Navy in England.

10th.—For all Spirits, Water or Vinegar Calks that may be returned complete in Hoops, and Sealed, the Contractor is to give Credit of Government for Two Thirds of their Original Value.

11th.—Tax earliest notice, consistent with the objects of the Service, will be given to the Contractor, of the probable Quantity of Provisions and Victualling Stores that may be wanted at any particular Port, so as to enable him or his Agents, to make use of their Arrangements, either for procuring them in the Ports, or transporting them from hence, as may be most advantageous for himself—but it is to be understood, that Fresh Meat is always to be furnished, if Demanded, in Forty Eight Hours after the notice of any Ship's arrival in Port.

12th.—Whatever quantity of Provisions and Stores are ordered to be got in readiness or applied for, shall necessarily be received, after the Contractor has provided them.

13th.—The Rice, Wine and ARRACK to be used at least One Year Old, and all the Provisions of such a quality as to ensure their keeping in a due and proper State of Preservation; for the period, at least, for which they are laid in; the usual period for Victualling His Majesty's Ships of War, will fall short of three or four Months, except for an Europe Voyage, but all dry Provisions are to be warranted to keep for four Months certain, from the time they are Shipped, or for a longer period if required; the particulars of the Warrants will be subject to such regulations as may hereafter be pointed out by the Commanders in Chief for Viceroy and His Majesty's Navy, LONDON.

14th.—The Contractor to stand to all losses before delivery, and to be answerable for the repayment of the Contract Rates for all Provisions, which shall at any time during expiration, and within the time of Warranty, be Condemned, by the regular and prescribed mode of Surveys established in the ROYAL NAVY, on account of their having been originally of a bad quality.

15th.—The Prices under the present Contract, shall be framed on a peace Establishment, but the Proprietor is desired to specify the Advanced Rates of Per Centage on each Article, and at each of the beforementioned places, at which, he is willing to engage to continue the Supplies, in case of a Naval War in this Country with any European Power.—And such advanced Rates of Per Centage upon the Supplies, to Commence only for such Provisions and Victualling Stores, as shall be delivered after the first Intelligence is received of a War being declared, or of the appearance of an Enemy's Fleet, or Ships of War in the Indian Seas.—And such additional Per Centage is to be discontinued when the cessation of Hostilities at Sea shall cease, according to the Preliminary Articles of Peace, usually published on such occasions.

16th.—All Payments to the Contractor for Supplies of Provisions and Victualling Stores are to be made in BILLS upon the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy, at 90 days Sight.—The said Bills to be approved of by the Commander in Chief, or such other Person as he may hereafter direct to examine and Audit the Supplies for which the said Bills are drawn.—The Vouchers, or Purfer's Receipts, are to be retained by the Contractor for the purpose of a final adjustment of his accounts with the Commander in Chief of the Squadron, the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy, or such other Person as he may hereafter appoint for that Service.—And the Bills received by the Contractor in this way, are to be considered as advances made on Account of Supplies Per Contract.

17th.—The Contractor is to specify in his Proposals the Rates in Sterling Money at which he will execute the following duties.—Viz.

18th.—ATTENDING to the receipt, re delivery, care and Transportation of the Provisions, and such Sea Stores as may be sent from Europe for the use of His Majesty's Squadron.

19th.—For Conveying a Ton of Provisions or Stores in Calks from the Ship in which it arrives to the Warehouse or Godown where it is to be deposited.

20th.—For Conveying the same from the Warehouse where it may have been deposited, to the Ship where it is to be used.

21st.—For the Monthly expense of Cooperage, and attending to the care of each Ton of Provision Calk, while they remain under the Contractors Charge;

22d.—For the Monthly rent of Godown Huts, necessary to be provided for the said Europe Provisions and Sea Stores Per Ton, if the same shall not be provided or found by Government.

23d.—For the Freight and Transportation of each Ton of Provision Calk, that may be ordered to be sent to or from the following places, (without subjecting the Contractor to the risk either of Enemies or the Seas, or sending him Accountable in any respect for the State or Condition of the Stores or Provisions which come to his hands for any of the purposes aforesaid).

24th.—RATE OF FREIGHT, from Bombay to Prince of Wales's Island, or any other Port in the Bay of Bengal, Per Ton.

25th.—Ditto from Bengal to Prince of Wales's Island, or any other Port in the Bay of Bengal, Per Ton.

26th.—Ditto from Madras to Ditto.

27th.—Ditto from Madras to Bombay.

28th.—Ditto from Madras to Bengal.

29th.—Ditto from Madras to Trincomalee.

30th.—No Proposal will be noticed that differs from the terms herein specified, nor unless good Security is offered, or a Deposit made to the amount of £. 10,000 Sterling, which shall be forfeited to Government, if the Contractor shall neglect or refuse to fulfill his engagements, or in case of any failure on his part, in delivery on demand of the necessary Supplies to make good and defray the Expense, whatever that expense may be, of obtaining them through the means of any other Agent, whom the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Squadron or any detached Ship or Ships of War may employ for that particular purpose.

31st.—The Contractor to pay all the charges attending the drawing and Execution of the Deeds, between the parties.

32d.—The Provisions and Stores are expected to be of the same quality now supplied to His Majesty's Ships by the Hon. EAST INDIA COMPANY, which have given general, and indeed universal satisfaction throughout the Squadron.

33d.—The Proposals will be opened in the presence of VICE ADMIRAL RAINIER the Commander in Chief (or the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Squadron in India for the time being) or in his absence they will be forwarded for acceptance by me.

By Command of the Commander in Chief.
(Signed) THOMAS HOSEASON,
SECRETARY, & NAVAL OFFICER
At Madras.

Naval Office, Madras
28th. day of August 1803. }

To be Sold,
By Public Auction,
By JAMES DOBBIN,
AT HIS AUCTION ROOMS,
To-morrow THURSDAY, the 29th. Instant,
At 11 o'Clock,

SEVERAL ORNAMENTS for the SHEAF of with DIAMONDS, RUBIES and EMERALDS—a Number of RINGS (set) also a quantity of large and small STAR PEARLS.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS.

To be Sold,
By Public Auction,
By JAMES DOBBIN,
ON THE ISLAND, NEAR THE STABLES
OF THE
GOVERNOR'S BODY GUARD.

On MONDAY next, the 3d. October,
SALE TO COMMENCE,
Precisely at 10 o'Clock,

THE STUD,
OF THE LATE
LIEUT. COL. BARBUT,
The Particulars will be Mentioned in HAND-BILLS.

ALSO
AN ELEGANT CHARIOT
AND
A CURRICLE.

To be Sold.

By Public Auction,
By JAMES DOBBIN,
AT HIS AUCTION ROOM,
On THURSDAY next, the 6th. October,
SALE TO COMMENCE,
At 10 o'Clock,

A QUANTITY OF
EARTHEN WARE,
A few Dozens
OF
FRENCH AND ENGLISH
CLARET,

a quantity of
STATIONARY,
A CAPITAL Double and Single Barreled GUN,
Two Cwt. of RAISINS,
A few Sets of SCALES & WEIGHTS,
Twelve Bottles of SPIRITS of WINE,

AND
SUNDRY ARTICLES OF
FURNITURE, &c. &c.
At 12 o'Clock,
A Servicable Cheftun HORSE, with
A BANDY and HOOD.

BY ORDER OF
THE PRIZE AGENTS,
To be Sold,
By Public Auction,
By HEEFKE FAURE, & Co.
AT THE BEACH,
NEAR THE CUSTOM HOUSE,
On FRIDAY, the 30th. Instant,
At 2 o'Clock,

THE BRIG
MARY FRANCOIS,
Prize to His Majesty's Ship
SHEERNESSE,
JAMES LIND, ESQ.
COMMANDER,

WITH her MASTS, YARDS,
RIGGING, &c. as the now lies
moored in Madras Roads, she was heaved
and copped about ten months since at
Brest, warranted to the French Govt. to
last FIVE YEARS without any material
REPAIRS, agreeably to a regular survey
held on her previous to her definition,
with the late Expedition to Pondicherry.
She is about 260 TONS and a remarkable
tight sailer, and has been employed on a
former Expedition on account of her prime
sailing.

ON THE SAME DAY,
AT 10 O'CLOCK in the MORNING,
WILL BE SOLD,
AT THEIR AUCTION ROOM,
A PART OF HER
CARGO,

The whole in high preservation and intended for the service of the French Forces, to have been landed at Pondicherry.

Consisting of as Follows,
555 Barrels of SUPERFINE FLOUR,
170 do. of PICKLED PORK,
50 do. of CLARET,
VAILS of Sizes,
BARS OF IRON, Round, Square and
Flat;

CASTLE SOAP,
SPERMACETTE CANDLES,
SEA COAL in Hogheads,
STATIONARY,
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,

A list of the above BRIG'S STORES may be seen on application to HEEFKE, FAURE and CO. at their Auction Room—as also the SAMPLES of the above Articles.

POLLINSTER CORPS.

Lord HARRIS has written circular letters to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury...

Every Corps receiving pay to engage to give in the Military District to which its soldiers are attached...

When called out on actual service, to be paid and disciplined in all respects as the regular infantry.

LONDON.—5th May.

A letter from Madrid states, that the rumors of a war between Spain and France...

BANK OF ENGLAND.

The following passage in the late speech of Canning speaks in favour of the Bank...

In consequence of the resistance made by the crews of the East-India Company's ships...

It appears that the French continue their system of warlike operations in Holland...

It is a constant maxim, to have a body of reserve in all the French Armies...

Many examples of success have originated from observations made by the Soldier...

The Letter of the Spanish Minister to the United States, respecting the port of New Orleans...

General Harrison has been a few days ago what he thought of the present hostile preparations?

CONTINENTAL ARMIES.

A Work entitled "Archieve Militaire des Armes Francaises"...

THE FRENCH ARMY.

The Revolution disorganized the Military; and the ancient officers, who did not embrace the new principles...

The French generally readily discovered the advantages resulting from it; it is besides wonderfully adapted to a people naturally greedy of novelties...

When a war was carried into rugged or mountainous countries, the use of the phalanx or close column was found impossible...

The appearance altogether of an Austrian Army presents a magnificent spectacle to military eyes...

The French and their allies have been distinguished by their valor and their talents...

The French Armies are impetuous; their courage requires only to be excited and consent to keep up its warmth...

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the sufferings and loss of individuals. When they are threatened, or when they wish to engage...

The French are too powerful to admit of their being defeated. In 1799, when they were beaten at all points...

In Germany, Moreau drew nearer to the ancient method of warfare. Trained and instructed by PICHOUBE...

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Austrians become like a flock of sheep, dispersed, and incapable of being re-united. They carry their fear of being out-flanked...

The Austrian ARMY is excellent; but indeed of being an accessory, it is sometimes made a principal; instead of aiding the troops...

The Austrian CAVALRY is proverbially good. The French always avoid coming in contact with it.

The Austrians employ an enormous quantity of Cavalry, which is called a CAVALRY OF POSTS...

The Austrians have committed the grossest and most fatal blunders; the French too have been guilty of many blunders...

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