

Copy of a Letter received, on board the Indus Extra Indiaman, in Madras Roads, from Major Charles Trotter, Commanding the Dooly Bearers at Madras.*

[The Original given in at the India-House.]

Madras, 21st July, 1807.

MY DEAR WELSH,

AFTER the affair of your Court-Martial, and when you had left Madras for Bengal, I had unexpectedly an opportunity of coming to a better knowledge, and further testimony, of the guilt of the Corps in general, and of Mahomed Ishack (Havildar Major) in particular.

I was told in confidence, upon a promise of profound secrecy, by a Moorman who was present, that if it had not been for your quickness, in being before-hand with them, the plot forming was nearly ripe, for killing the Officers, and all the Europeans in the Garrison of Pal-

* This Major Trotter, who has been twenty-three years in the Coast Army, and perfectly understands the country languages, has ever been a steady friend and admirer of the Natives; and although he was nearly butchered at Vellore in July last (when his Corps murdered their Officers), yet would he not credit the general rumours of a plot, or believe that the Moormen of the 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment, which I commanded (and in which we had both served as Captains for several years, mostly in the field), could be guilty of such treachery (it having been one of the best Corps in the Service). He always thought I had acted on sufficient grounds, but was loath to believe the real delinquency of men whom he had known so long, and who had hitherto been so faithful. I therefore consider the unexpected touching of the Indus at Madras, as a fortunate circumstance, as it furnished me with so respectable a voucher, in proof of my unvaried assertions of a mutiny in the Corps, and in corroboration of the many Depositions already recorded in these pages.—1807.

(Signed) J. WELSH.

lamcottah; and *Mahomed Ishack** had declared of his own free will and accord, that he would himself be the person who would kill or dispatch the Major (meaning you) of the Corps.

I remain,

Ever faithfully and affectionately yours,

(Signed) CH^s. TROTTER.

(A true Copy).

(Signed) J. WELSH.

Of the Native Officers mentioned in the course of this Narrative, the following only remain still in confinement (without any final sentence) :

Subadar Sheik Hyder,	} in prison in the Fort of Pallamcottah.
Subadar Secunder Khan, and	
Subadar Sheik Nutter,	

(Signed) J. WELSH.

On board the Indus, on the passage to England, Sept. 1807.

Note added at Madras, in January 1809.—I found on my return to Madras from England, that after my departure, Government had turned out the following Native Officers of the Corps, and given them small pensions, merely to keep them from starving :

Subadars—Sheik Hyder, Secunder Khan, Sheik Nutter, Ebraum Khan, and Abdul Nubby.

Jemadars—Several, names forgotten. (Signed) J. WELSH.

Q.—If innocent, why disgraced?—if guilty, was it not an acknowledgment in my favour?

* I afterwards promoted the Havildar Major to Jemadar and Subadar, to his utter astonishment; and he always evinced much gratitude for the same, and compunction for his former misconduct.—A. D. 1830.

COPY
OF A
CORRESPONDENCE AND MEMORIAL,
DATED 22ND APRIL, 1810,
ABOUT
PRIZE AGENCY FOR TRAVANCORE.

To the Right Honorable Gilbert Lord Minto, Governor-General, &c. &c. &c. Fort St. George.

MY LORD,

I TAKE the liberty to lay before you, a Memorial to the Honorable the Court of Directors, which I trust your Lordship will have the goodness to forward, as a Number in the next General Dispatch from this Presidency.

Your Lordship in Council having disallowed my claim to Commission as Prize-Agent, it becomes a painful duty to lay my circumstances before you, and to solicit that Government will allow me to retain that sum, until the decision of the Court of Directors be obtained.

On my arrival at Madras in January last year, I petitioned Government for an advance, to enable me to pay off a debt for passage-money, &c. amounting to 1500 pagodas, and to fit myself out for the service on which I was then going; and in the month of March, 450 pagodas were accorded me, payable within the twelve months; but which, from retrenchment, &c. I have not been able hitherto to return. My debt to the Prize Sales amounts to 739 pagodas, having (in order to increase the public fund) purchased many useless articles; and my Commission, amounting to 1038 pagodas (at 2½ per cent.) make a total debt to Government of 2227 pagodas. Having paid my passage-money out of the Commission (when I could not

suppose it would be disallowed), I solemnly declare, I have no possible means to discharge this debt, independent of several private ones, and my allowances are barely sufficient to support a family, now consisting of a mother, wife, and three children.

With many apologies for the trouble I have been so unfortunate as to give your Lordship in Council,

I have the Honor to be, with respect,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) J. WELSH,
Major 3rd Reg. N. I.

Bangalore,
22nd April, 1810.

To the Honorable the Court of Directors of the Honorable East India Company, &c. &c. &c.

HONORABLE SIRS,

It is not without considerable reluctance that I am compelled again to address your Honorable Court, even before I have been so fortunate as to receive your decision on my former Memorial, under date the 3rd April, 1807.

But, conscious as I feel of the justice of this appeal, and relieved in a great measure by the kindness of an unerring and gracious Providence, from the principal effect of that censure, which (aiming at my reputation as a Soldier) caused my former Address, I take the liberty to lay before you, a Series of Correspondence on the subject of property captured from the public enemy in Travancore, at the commencement of the

late year, and humbly solicit your kind interference in behalf of a claim, which (without meaning the slightest disrespect to those authorities who have, unfortunately for me, seen it in a different light), I still conceive to be well-founded.

I trust the accompanying papers will fully establish, that I was appointed a Prize-Agent by the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger, and also that this appointment was acknowledged by the British Resident in Travancore; but the particular circumstances under which that appointment (with the suffrages of the Army) was obtained, are, I fear, little known to your Honorable Court, and should never have been communicated by me, but for the continued persecutions of adverse fortune under which I have been labouring for several years, without even a distant prospect of relief, if not supported by your liberality and justice.

On the 5th February, 1809, I joined the Southern Force (then within one march of its position before the Arambooly Lines of Travancore), and took the Command of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Regiment, a Corps to which I was a perfect stranger.

The next evening the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger called upon me, and entrusted me with a Detached Command in Advance, within shot of the Lines, and from which I was not relieved during the time the Force remained in that position. In this situation I was constantly employed, day and night, without rest, until the 10th, when the Colonel consented to my entreaties to be permitted to storm a fortified

hill, which flanked and commanded the strong Lines of Arambooly, and which assault (contrary to the general opinion both of the storming party and the whole force) was attended with complete success.

I take the liberty to forward copies of the Documents in support of this assertion, and trust your Honorable Court will confirm the only benefit likely to be derived from that service.

The Commission which I claim, cannot certainly be any object to a great Government, but the loss of it must add considerably to the pecuniary embarrassments, against which a large family have been struggling for many years, and which were not a little increased by my recent short trip to England, for the recovery my health.

I have the Honor to be, with due respect,

Honorable Sirs,

Your most obedient and faithful Servant,

(Signed)

J. WELSH,
Major 1st Bat. 3rd Reg.
Native Infantry.

Bangalore, April 22, 1810.

(COPY).

N^o. 1.

To Major J. Welsh, 3rd Regiment N. I., &c. &c. &c.

SIR,

GOVERNMENT having disallowed the claim to Prize, of the Troops that served in Travancore

during the late hostilities, I have in consequence to require, that the amount of money that proceeded from the Sales in the Southern portion of Travancore, of property, of whatsoever description, supposed to be Prize, may be forthwith paid into my Treasury, in order that the directions of Government, with respect to that property, may be fulfilled.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) C. MACAULAY,
Resident.

Quilon,
9th June, 1807.

(A true Copy).

(Signed) J. WLLSH.

N^o 12.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

SIR,

I AM extremely sorry to be obliged to trouble you to lay before the Honorable the Governor in Council, this Letter and its Enclosures, on the subject of Prize-money for property captured from the enemies of the British Government, during the late war in Travancore.

But having been nominated by the Officer Commanding the Southern Field Force (and by the suffrages of my brother Officers) the Prize-Agent for the Company's Troops of that Detachment, I conceive myself impe-

riously called upon (in the fulfilment of the duties of that solemn trust) to use my best endeavours to obtain, at the hands of a just and liberal Government, a sanction to the claims of a Detachment, whose operations have been honored with its public approbation.

Referring to Letter No. 1, just received from Lieutenant-Colonel Macaulay, British Resident in Travancore, I beg leave to state circumstances for the consideration of Government, instead of replying direct to Lieutenant-Colonel Macaulay, and I trust the evident necessity of the reference, will plead my excuse for intruding on the attention of Government in this instance.

In the first place, I take the liberty to enclose an Abstract of the Account of Prize Sales, by which it will appear, that of 41,446 pagodas, little more than 5000 have been collected.

Of the sums still due, there are 26,500 pagodas to be received from the new Dewaun, to whom we sold the Prize Tobacco, at the request of the Resident, who promised to use every exertion to induce him to pay us immediately the stipulated price.

The other articles of captured property, which Captain Lindsay and I had collected with much difficulty (from the nature of the places in which some of them were concealed by the enemy), were transported to our camp near Trevanderam, and sold by public auction, upon the faith of being allowed to make lawful prize of the arms and effects of a beaten enemy; and

purchased almost entirely by Officers of the Detachment, at a most exorbitant rate (in general, at least four times the real value), on the supposition of being entitled to, and paying for them out of, their share of Prize-money; and also with the laudable motive of increasing the general stock, for the benefit of the brave fellows serving under them. Of the various purchasers, a few were Officers who have since returned to Ceylon, and a few belonged to the Travancore Subsidiary Force, but all under the same expectation of sharing Prize-money; and no other supposition could have in any manner excused the many ridiculous purchases that were made at those sales, by men whose pay was barely sufficient for their support in an expensive country. The nominal time of payment was the first issue of pay for May, by which period it was supposed all our accounts would be settled, and a distribution take place; and we took care to request that Gentlemen should keep within the probable share to which they might respectively be entitled.

The sales were hardly over, before the general knowledge of the Extract No. 2, not only led every man in the Detachment to conceive that his claim to Prize-money was allowed, but also to expect a much larger reward for his services; as it was well known, that the ordnance, arms, and military stores captured from the enemy (and now at the disposal of the British Government) were worth many lacs of pagodas; and

as it appeared by that Letter, that the sums collected by us for sundries at the Prize Sales, were to be deducted from the amount to be paid to the Army, for the ordnance, &c. Captain Lindsay and I determined, as the readiest mode of adjusting our accounts, that the sums due by each Corps, should be finally deducted from their share of Prize-money.

Our Detachment being entirely broke up and separated before the 1st of May, it would have been impossible to have collected the money from individuals, who were now spread all over the country, even were it the intention of Government to oblige them to pay for their purchases, without allowing them any recompense for their losses, &c. on that service.

But, from a careful perusal of the Extract No. 2, I am induced to hope, and encouraged in the supposition, notwithstanding the high authority of a Letter coming from a British Resident (which, had I remained in Travancore, I must have immediately obeyed), that Lieutenant-Colonel Macaulay has in this instance misconceived the intentions of Government.

If I am unfortunately mistaken, and some (to me) unknown cause has induced the Honorable the Governor in Council to withdraw his favourable decision from the Troops in whose behalf I have taken this (otherwise improper) liberty, I humbly request, that such decision may be made known, so as to exonerate me from the stigma which would attach to me, had I neglected the interests of my fellow-soldiers, who

having honored me with their confidence, must naturally look to me for a completion of their wishes.

I trust, Sir, that if I have unintentionally touched on any point beyond what my duty as a Prize-Agent would warrant, that it may be attributed to the true cause, an anxious zeal to perform my trust, and not to any other motive.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

Nundydroog,
1st July, 1809.

(Signed) J. WELSH,
Major, and Prize-Agent for
the Company's Troops of the
Southern Field Detachment

(EXTRACT).

From the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council, in the Military Department, dated the 18th July, 1809.

[Here enter Letter 10th July, B.]

“ It appears, on perusal of the foregoing Letter and
“ its Enclosures, that the Orders of Government, re-
“ specting the disposal of the property captured during
“ the late disturbances in Travancore, have been mis-
“ construed; for though the Board do not admit that
“ prize can be made in the suppression of a rebellion
“ by the aid of the military power, yet they had
“ resolved to reward the services of the Troops em-
“ ployed against the Dewaun of Travancore and his
“ adherents, by a donation equivalent to the value of
“ the ordnance and military stores employed offensively
“ by the insurgents and captured from them on the

“ field of battle, or abandoned from the terror of our
 “ arms; of which resolutions the Resident in Tra-
 “ vancore had already been apprized. Resolved there-
 “ fore, that Copy of the Orders of Government to the
 “ Resident, on this subject, be sent to Major Welsh
 “ for his information, and that the Military Auditor-
 “ General be informed, that no retrenchment or
 “ stoppage is to be made from any Officer on account
 “ of the purchases he may have made at the sales of
 “ the property captured in Travancore, until a final
 “ adjustment of the concern take place, at which time
 “ those Officers whose purchases exceed the amount
 “ of their respective shares of the proposed donation,
 “ are to be called upon to refund the excess.”

(A true Extract).

(Signed) “ J. H. PELLE,
 “ Secretary to Government.”

(A true Extract).

(Signed) JOHN R. VERNON,
 Military Secretary to the
 Commander-in-Chief.

(EXTRACT).

To the Resident at Travancore.

SIR,
 I AM directed by the Honorable the Governor
 in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter
 of the 22nd instant, and to acquaint you, that, under

the declarations made in the Proclamation published on the advance of the Troops into Travancore, and the subsequent conduct of the Rajah, which entitles him to the benefit of these declarations, the Governor in Council is decidedly of opinion, that neither the property of the Rajah, nor of any of his subjects, can, without a breach of public faith, be deemed to be lawful prize; the British Government never having considered itself to be at war with the Rajah.

The Governor in Council accordingly desires, that you will furnish the proprietors of the vessels, tobacco, and other property, which had been conveyed for adjudication to the Prize Court at Columbo, with authenticated Copies of that Proclamation, and with such other documents and information as may be necessary, to enable them to obtain the restoration of their property.

The Governor in Council is at the same time fully sensible, that the Troops suffered all the losses and privations, and encountered all the dangers to which they would probably have been exposed in an avowed and open war with the Rajah of Travancore; and he thinks that a distinction may reasonably be made, between the ordnance, arms, and military stores, which the Rajah's rebellious subjects had seized upon, and employed as instruments and means of offence against the British Troops, and all other articles of property belonging to the Rajah or his subjects, which may have fallen into the possession of the Troops but

which were not instruments or means of offence used to oppose the advance of the Troops.

(ORIGINAL).

Extract of a Letter from the Governor to the Resident in Travancore, referred to as No. 2, by the Prize-Agents.

The Governor in Council has accordingly resolved, as an additional mark of the high sense which he entertains of the gallant conduct of the Troops employed in the suppression of the late disturbances in Travancore, that a sum of money equal to the value of such ordnance, arms, and military stores, shall be paid to the Troops. This value shall be adjusted by the Military Board, subject to the approbation of the Governor in Council.

This equivalent will be granted for the ordnance, arms, and military stores, captured or found at the places, or on the occasions, under-mentioned :

The Lines at Arambooly,

The Battle at Nagraçoile,

The Forts of Palpanavarum and Owdeggherry,

The Battles and Actions fought by the Troops at Quilon and Cochin,

The Ordnance, Arms, and Military Stores, which may have fallen into the possession of the Troops under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Cuppage,

before he received notice of the suspension of hostilities, in consequence of the Letter of the 24th February last, addressed by the Rajah to the Resident.

As the amount of the expence which may attend the granting this equivalent, will be charged to the account of the Rajah of Travancore, it will be proper that a deduction should be made from the amount, equal to the value of the property of every other description belonging to the Rajah, or his subjects, which, in consequence of orders from the Officer Commanding the Troops, may have been sold, or disposed of in such manner as may preclude its being restored to the owners.

The pepper, and all other property belonging to the Honorable Company, must be restored, or the value of it deducted from the sum to be paid to the Troops.

The Governor in Council will hereafter decide what Forces, Corps, Detachments, or Individuals, shall be allowed to participate in the sum of money which may become payable to the Troops under these orders, and under what rules the division of it shall be made.

*Major James Welsh, 3rd Regiment Native Infantry,
Agent for Prize with the late Southern Detachment,
serving against Travancore.*

SIR,

I HAD the honor to address you, under authority from Government, on the 9th of last June,

and now transmit a Copy of that Letter, which may possibly have miscarried.

2nd, You will be pleased to observe, by the accompanying Extract of a Letter, dated the 1st instant, from the Chief Secretary to Government, that an explanation upon the subject is expected.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) C. MACAULAY,
Resident.

Ponterah,
12th December, 1809.

Extract of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government of Fort St. George, to the Resident at Travancore, dated the 1st of December, 1809.

3rd, I am directed to remind you of the promise contained in your Letter of 9th June last, to furnish the reply to the requisition made by you to the Agents for Prize with the Southern Detachment, for the amount of money in their hands, produced by the sale of any property in Travancore. This document has not yet been received. Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton has furnished to Government an Account Sale of the articles under charge of Captain Sale and him, the proceeds of which you had required them to surrender.

(True Extract).

(Signed) C. MACAULAY,
Resident.

(COPY).

*To Lieutenant-Colonel Macaulay, British Resident in
Travancore.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th December, with its Enclosures; in reply to which I beg leave to state, that on receipt of your former Letter, of the 9th June, I addressed Government on the subject, and the answer (copies of which enclosed) led me to suppose that it was not necessary to reply to you direct on the subject, having already furnished accounts of particulars of sale, both when at Oodagherry and since. I have now the pleasure to hand you an Abstract of the whole, with an Account of Cash collected, the Balance of which (now in Captain Lindsay's charge at Madras) is at your disposal and demand, provided we do not receive prior instructions direct from Government.

I take the liberty also to enclose copies of two or three papers regarding the purchases made by the Dewaun, in case the pressure of more important business should have obliterated the circumstances from your memory; and should Government object to the charge of Agency, I entreat you will state the justice of our claim, from the knowledge which you possess on the subject; and at the same time I solemnly de-

clare, I would not again consent to the same drudgery, for double the amount of my share.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) J. WELSH, &c.

Bangalore,

6th January, 1810.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

SIR,

WE have received with extreme concern, an order from the Secretary to the Seringapatam Prize Committee, directing us to pay into the Honorable Company's Treasury, the whole sum supposed to have been collected by us, as Prize-Agents to the Honorable Colonel Sentleger's Detachment, and disallowing our Commission on the sum upon our books.

We therefore lose no time in requesting you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, this Letter and its Enclosures, trusting that a thorough knowledge of the whole circumstances, will induce his Lordship to admit our charge of Agency as both just and reasonable.

In the first place, we take the liberty to state our conviction, that the exertions of the Detachment to which we belonged, and particularly the successful storm of the Arambooly Lines on the 10th February (on which service we both had the honor to be em-

ployed), when battering cannon were not within 200 miles of our Force, were the means, under Providence, of preventing a long protracted and expensive war, if not the destruction of the Travancore Subsidiary Force, then surrounded by an inveterate enemy, and cut off from all apparent succour. On that occasion, we were selected by the united voice of our Brother Officers, and the sanction of the Officer Commanding, to act as Prize-Agents. The war, which had before threatened to prove long and desultory, from the known preparations and resources of the enemy, was concluded in a few days; but our labours as Prize-Agents continued, without respite or intermission, day and night, until the 8th of April; during which period, we collected and disposed of a quantity of trash (which had been left by the enemy, as not worth removing) for generally three and four times the value.

In case it should be argued that we did not collect the sum upon our books, and consequently are not entitled to the Agency, we beg leave to urge, that although we were prevented from realizing the whole proceeds, yet we had the same trouble in making out and delivering separate bills to each individual, before we left the Travancore country. We therefore trust it it cannot be supposed, that we were to be put to a species of labour, entirely new to us, and not allowed to reap that benefit which was publicly held out to us by established precedent, as the reward of those labours.

We further take the liberty to point out, that Mr. Sawyer (a Portuguese Writer to the Paymaster at Pallamcottah) received 5 per cent. for the sale of some of the horses, in the capture of which he had no concern whatever, and which we conceived should have been handed over to us; and although we are extremely sorry to be reduced to such a comparison, we feel confident that our claim will be found to surpass that of Mr. Sawyer, inasmuch as our exertions first obtained not only the articles which we sold, but also those which produced his Agency.

We have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

(Signed) J. WELSH,

H LINDSAY,

Prize-Agents Southern Force.

March 1810.

(COPY).

*To Captain Maclean, Secretary to the Seringapatam
Prize Committee.*

SIR,

IN reply to your Letter of the 23rd February, we take the liberty to forward a Letter and Enclosures to the Chief Secretary to Government, which we request you will lay before the Committee, to be (by it) forwarded to him; and we trust, that until the the decision of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council be obtained, we shall stand ex-

cused for not complying with the order conveyed through you to us.

(Signed) J. WELSH,
H. LINDSAY.

March 1810.

(COPY).

N^o. 1.

To Colonel Sentleger.

MY DEAR SIR,

UNDERSTANDING that there are various public store-rooms in the adjacent sea-port villages, on both sides, with coire, tobacco, and other public stores, we wish to ascertain how far we are authorized to proceed, and to have it positively specified, to what extent we are authorized to seize and dispose of those articles, as a ready sale now offers to any amount. We particularly observed yesterday on the passage, that one place alone contains 3000 bales of tobacco, which we could dispose of for upwards of 20,000 pagodas.

(Signed) J. WELSH.

March 20, 1809.

Camp, 22nd March, 1809.

MY DEAR WELSH,

I SUSPECT that we could not touch property under the protection of our Courts and Government at Manapar, at least I do not see how

the thing is practicable. I am of opinion, that you should decline dealings with Moosa's man; he purchases with the design of smuggling, and as he would be prevented doing so, you might not so readily get your cash. Believe me,

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. MACAULAY.

Major Welsh, &c.

N^o. 2.

To Major Welsh, Prize-Agent, Oodagerry.

SIR,

I AM directed by Lieutenant-Colonel the Honorable A. Sentleger, to acknowledge receipt of your private Letter of date the 20th instant, and in reply to inform you, that it would appear advisable to take possession of all the tobacco, coire, &c. that may be found within the *public store-houses* of the villages situated on the sea-coast, and within (but on no account beyond) the lines of the Travancore country; and after disposing of the articles to the best advantage, you will be pleased to retain the amount of sales in your possession, until it is finally adjudged, and further directions as to its disposal be communicated to you by the British Resident in Travancore.

(Signed) CHARLES CUNINGHAM,
P. S.

Camp,
21st March, 1809.

(EXTRACT).

N^o. 3.

“MY DEAR WELSH, “THE Colonel wishes you
 “not to be in a hurry in forming any arrangement
 “respecting the brass guns. The reason is, that he
 “has it in contemplation to offer the captured guns to
 “Government, and ask a donation of twelve months’
 “batta in return: Colonel Macaulay has promised to
 “promote this arrangement. With regard to the
 “tobacco, the exportation of this article has been
 “prohibited, in consequence of which your purchaser
 “may wish to get rid of his bargain. If he, however,
 “likes his bargain, *and comes down with the cash*, you
 “may let it stand, otherwise the Dewaun will take it
 “off your hands, on the same terms as you have agreed
 “with the agent of Moosa.”

 N^o. 4.

*To Major Welsh and Captain Lindsay, Prize-Agents,
 Oodagerry.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to transmit, by
 order of Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. A. Sentleger,
 Copy of a Letter this moment received from the British
 Resident in Travancore, to which I am directed to call
 your attention.

The Lieutenant-Colonel understands you have sold some tobacco to a merchant of the name of Mussah, and should he express any discontent at the directions contained in the Resident's Letter, you are to inform him, that you will receive back the tobacco, and the Dewaun of His Highness the Rajah will take it from you on the same terms.

(Signed) CHARLES CUNNINGHAM,
P. S.

Camp,
22nd March, 1809.

N^o 5.

March 24th, 1809.

Colonel Macaulay, Resident, &c.

MY DEAR SIR,

I INTENDED to write to you fully yesterday, along with Cooniah Amud's Letter, but receiving intelligence of the Dewaun and his family, we started at noon, and went twelve miles off in heavy rain, where we were disappointed, as usual. We found a confidential servant, and the elephant driver (who pointed him out) declared, that when the Dewaun's family left the place, they left property, which was carried there from Papanaveram on men's heads, to a very large amount. We tried all we could to obtain information of the treasure, but failed, and the house is a very large and strong, and intricate building.

We found three swords, and a treasure box empty, in a well, which we brought away, with the man, a prisoner, to this place. This business kept us away till this morning. I took care nothing should be plundered; but as all the people (twenty or thirty men and women) absconded, I fear their neighbours will now do it.

With regard to Cooniah Amud, I am particularly anxious that you should give a positive and final decision: he is a determined and shrewd fellow, and insists on the completion of our mutual agreement. We have not yet received cash from him, but he was to give us an order for the amount, when he got the whole. We were in the act of weighing out the brass and copper to him, when your Letter arrived: I put it off, but he still insists on his right to the whole. He offers to sell the tobacco to the Dewaun for profit, but will not give up the copper. He is to pay us 100 rupees for 4 bundles of the former, and 300 rupees per candy 560 rounds for the latter: I don't yet know how many candies we have of the latter.

We have learnt that there are 3500 bales of tobacco at Cotaun, besides grain, &c.; will the Dewaun buy this of us, at the old rate? if so, it will be our duty and interest to give him the preference.

We have a guard there now, and shall ride there to-morrow to ascertain further.

I will not in future allow any parties to go to villages in search of treasure, as I find it so useless, and fearing

you might disapprove of it, now that matters are in fair train for peace and tranquillity.

We conceive we have authority to dispose of all public property at Colochy, Oodagherry, Papenaverum, Nagrecoil, Cotaour, and the places to the northward of this; I hope we are right; and there is tobacco, I believe 3000 bundles, besides grain to a very large amount, on the sea-coast between Colochy and Poondra, not taken possession of. We are particularly anxious not to pass the bounds of our duty, and yet have no limits laid down for our guidance. A speedy answer will much oblige, &c. &c.

(Signed) J. WELSH.

N^o 6.

*To Major Welsh and Captain Lindsay, Prize-Agents,
Oodagherry.*

SIRS,

I HAVE received your Letter of yesterday's date. I am directed by Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. A. Sentleger, to reply, on the subject of elephants, that a communication has taken place with the Dewaun, and it is finally settled, that those which are now here, are not prize property, but to be returned to the Rajah. However, as it is well known that there were sixteen elephants against us at Nagrecoil, the Lieutenant-Colonel insisted upon their being delivered up to us, to which the Dewaun has agreed; and you

are in consequence to keep possession of the sixteen elephants you now state to be with you at Oodagerry, in lieu of those which were against us at Nagrecoil; but on no account, in *future*, to seize or interfere with elephants of any description in Travancore.

By Order,

(Signed) CHARLES CUNINGHAM,
P. S.

Camp,
23rd March, 1809.

(EXTRACT).

N^o 7.

COLONEL SENT LEGER, having sent Coonce Ahmud off to the Dewaun, desired us to write a few lines by way of elucidation, a copy of which is here enclosed. We trust Colonel Macaulay will overlook any irregularity in this Correspondence, as we are working hard for the public good. If to this he will kindly add his influence to get the Dewaun to pay as well as promise, he will confer a particular favour, not only on us, but on all our Detachment. We have agreed with this Agent, about all the tobacco: he is to give us one hundred rupees per candy for that at Cootachie, and sixty for that at Cothaur; but we are anxious to know whether we are certain of the money, and may allow them to carry away the tobacco.

(EXTRACT).

N^o 8.*To Major Welsh, &c.*

COLONEL MACAULAY desires me to say, that he has recommended to the Dewaun to pay the Prize-Agents as soon as he conveniently can, which he has no doubt of his doing.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) K. MACAULAY.

*Quilon,**9th April, 1809.*

(EXTRACT).

N^o 9.

ENCLOSED we address the Dewaun again, to close our accounts, and therefore antedating, hope the Colonel will approve and forward it. We already feel sensible of the Colonel's kindness in our behalf, and trust that, however Government may dispose of the sum on our books, we shall still be allowed our Agency out of it; considering that our exertions have produced 16,000 pagodas out of, I might almost say, nothing, at the Prize Sales, and that we have been perfect slaves at it for near two months. As for me, I have by it been deprived of the satisfaction of being with my family, &c.

Sent 13th April.

J. WELSH.

N^o 10.

To Major Welsh and Captain Lindsay, Prize-Agents.

GENTLEMEN,

I AM directed by the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger, to desire that you will forthwith suspend all further sale of captured property, of whatever description, and that you will forward to him, with as little delay as possible, an account of what has been brought on your books as sold, and of what remains undisposed of.

I have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) T. TOWNSEND,
M. B

Camp,
8th April, 1809.

N^o 11.

To the Major of Brigade, S. F.

SIR,

WE have received your Letter of this date, and have the honor to acquaint you (for the information of the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger), that we have already disposed of all property in our possession, with the exception of some public grain and salt on the sea-coast, in different places, and a chest of

tinsel and old silver, sent by us to Pallamcottah, with about 2000 or 3000 rupees, which we shall carry to the public account on our arrival. We herewith have sent an account of particulars, hastily drawn up, but which we believe to be correct, by which the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger will observe, that our exertions have been productive of some benefit to the public fund; at the same time we should be greatly obliged, if a correct copy could be taken of it for us, as we have none but on scraps of paper, hastily scratched over, not having any spare time on our hands, and not expecting to be so soon called upon for one for the public. We are now proceeding to Pallamcottah, to settle our account with the Natives, who have purchased to a large amount.

We have, &c. &c.

Oodagerry,
April 8, 1809

J. WELSH,
H. LINDSAY.

*To Lieutenant-Colonel W M'Leod, Commanding
H. M. 69th Regiment.*

SIR,

As the Senior Officer in India, of the Southern Force, lately employed against Travancore, we beg leave to acquaint you, that Government has signified to us (through the Seringapatam Prize Committee), its determination to disallow our claim to Commission on the sum realized by our exertions as Prize-Agents;

and as we conceive that claim to be founded on justice, and established by every rule, civil and military (setting aside the question, to whom the proceeds are eventually to be handed over), inasmuch as we acted as auctioneers, collected and sold the articles by lot, &c. &c., we take the liberty to request you will have the goodness to support our claim, by stating, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, what came within your own knowledge on the subject, or in any other manner which to you may appear most likely to induce Government to allow our Commission, and relieve us from a heavy, and we trust unmerited, loss.

(Signed) J. WELSH,
H. LINDSAY.

March 1810

(COPY).

To the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit a Letter, addressed to me by the Prize-Agents of the Force employed in the Southern District of Travancore, during the late campaign; and request you will be pleased to submit its contents to the Commander-in-Chief.

I trust the Commander-in-Chief will lay the peculiar hard case of Major Welsh and Captain Lindsay before Government.

Being second in Command with that Division of the Army, I can bear ample testimony to the zeal, trouble, and indefatigable exertions of the Prize-Agents, in collecting and disposing of the captured property; and I am persuaded I only give the sentiments of the whole of that Force, when I give my unqualified opinion, that Major Welsh and Captain Lindsay, the Prize-Agents, are fully entitled to the usual Commission granted to Prize-Agents in similar instances.

I take leave to add, that, whatever may be the ultimate decision of Government, respecting the appropriation of the captured property, Major Welsh and Captain Lindsay have an equal claim to the usual Commission of Prize-Agents, as I can assert, from my own positive knowledge, that Government is indebted to their unremitting zeal and exertions, for the greatest part of the property and military stores concealed in various parts of the country, but discovered by the vigilance and activity of the Prize-Agents: I say from my own personal knowledge, that whatever effects, of various description, fell into the hands of Government on that occasion, they are indebted for the greatest part to the vigilance and activity of the Prize-Agents.

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

(Signed) W. MACLEOD,
Lieut -Col 69th Reg.

Bangalore,
3rd March, 1810

Poonamullee, Thursday Morning.

MY DEAR WELSH,

I HAVE this moment received yours of the 3rd, 4th, together with one from Colonel Macleod, a Copy of which I send you. I shall not fail laying them before the Committee, but delay it until Saturday, on which day I intend going to Madras; indeed I have reason to think our flankers will march on, or perhaps upon that, to join the Head-Quarters. The result of our united application I shall not fail to communicate to you. I hope we may be successful: the recommendation of Colonel Macleod is, in my opinion, as strongly worded as well could be. We are at this place harassed with perpetual drill; were it to the purpose, I should not care.

With Compliments Mrs. Welsh and family,

I remain, yours very sincerely,

(Signed) H. LINDSAY.

Extract from the Minutes of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, dated 30th March, 1810.

READ the following Letter from the Military Secretary to the Officer Commanding the Army-in-Chief.

On due consideration of all the circumstances connected with the application of Major Welsh and Captain Lindsay, for Commission on account of the property realized in Travancore, the Board, in ad-

mitting the merit of those Officers' exertions on the occasion, observe, that they cannot consistently accede to their request, more especially *as similar applications on the part of other Officers engaged in securing the public property in Travancore, has already been rejected, and acquiesced in by them.*

(A true Extract).

(Signed) **J. H. PEILE,**
Secretary to Government.

(A true Extract).

(Signed) **N. M. SMYTHE,**
Military Secretary to the
Commander-in-Chief

*To the President and Members of the Seringapatam
Prize Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

PARA. 1.—I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, dated the 14th ultimo.

2nd.—The Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, considers the appointment of Prize-Agents, and the whole proceedings connected with the subject of Prize in Travancore, to have been extremely irregular, and those transactions have in consequence never received the sanction of Government. His Lordship in Council has also determined, that the nature of the contest in the province, did not authorize the property which fell into our possession on that occasion, being considered in the light of prize or

booty. Under these considerations, His Lordship in Council cannot accede to the request of Major Welsh and Captain Lindsay, to be allowed Commission on the proceeds of the property collected and sold under their superintendence.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. H. PEILE,
Secretary to Government.

*Fort St. George,
3rd April, 1810.*

(A true Copy).

(Signed) J. M'LEAN,
Secretary.

*To the Honorable Colonel Sentleger, Commanding
Southern Force.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, my Plan of Attack on the Southern Hill, should you have the goodness to allow me to attempt it.

After a second examination, from a rising ground in the neighbourhood of my present post, I find the principal impediment (independent of an unlooked-for defence) to consist in the thickness of the jungle at the foot of the hill, which appears to extend only a few hundred yards from the plain, after which it is more open and accessible.

PLAN.

1st, To march from the Advanced Post at eight P. M. with four short ladders, and a few Pioneers with tools; to proceed along the road lately cut by the Pioneers—whatever the darkness of the night may be, the rock on the summit will serve as a guide.

2nd, On arriving at the foot of the hill, to examine the jungle, and enter it nearly opposite the gap No. 1, having for a direction, some high *bluff rocks*, and which must be left considerably on our right flank. After ascending as high as the top of them, to turn a little to the right, where some open ground promises

an easy approach to No. 2, which I propose to escalate.

3rd, After entering at 2, to form into three divisions, sending one to the rock on the summit, and the other two to scour the works to the right and left, taking care, by bugle-signals, to be able to distinguish one another again.

I trust, Sir, that, by divine permission, all this may be effected by day-light in the morning.

It might most essentially contribute to our success, were a strong party to be pushed up the high road to the gateway, to draw off their attention by a feigned attack; but this I do not urge as actually necessary.

Allow me, Sir, in conclusion, humbly to point out, that every delay may be attended with danger, as the enemy might by that means become acquainted with our views; and in that event, I do not see much prospect of success.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient and faithful Servant,

(Signed) J. WELSH, Major,
Commanding Advance Party.

*Camp before Travancore Lines,
February 2, 1809.*

ATTACK ON TRAVANCORE LINES.



REFERENCES.

- 1 The Gap by which the Troops entered the Jungle
- 2 The Spot proposed for Assault, and actually Escaladed by Major Welsh and the Forlorn Hope
- 3 The Rock on the summit
- 4 A large Battery, afterwards called Welsh's Battery
- 5 Extremity of the Works

DETACHMENT ORDERS.

*Head-Quarters Southern Force, two miles interior
of the Arambooly Gate, Feb. 10, 1809.*

D. O. Parole Welsh. Counter Sign Success.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL the Honorable A. St. Leger has much satisfaction in conveying to the Troops under his Command, the most sincere Congratulations on the brilliant achievements of this morning. The Lieutenant-Colonel deems it a duty he owes to justice, to thus publicly mark the high consideration he entertains of the perseverance, judgment, and ability displayed by Major Welsh, commanding 3rd Regiment Native Infantry, in the Assault of this morning, where the greatness of the enterprize could only be equalled by the success which attended it.

The Lieutenant-Colonel requests Major Welsh will convey to the Officers and Men who composed the Detachment for Escalade under his Command, the most unqualified approbation of their gallant exertions, in accomplishing an object which must ever be considered as entitled to a high place on military record.

Lieutenant-Colonel the Honorable Sentleger requests Lieutenant-Colonel Macleod, and the Officers and Men of his Detachment, to accept of his cordial thanks, for the readiness displayed in the common cause. The Lieutenant-Colonel desires that senti-

ments of similar approbation be conveyed to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, by their respective superiors.

Arrack and extra batta to be served to the Troops of the Detachment.

(Signed) A. BALMAIN,
Captain, M. B.

A few Letters, &c. were added, to let the Court of Directors know all the circumstances wherein I was held responsible for any failure of my plan, &c.

*To Lieutenant-Colonel the Honorable A. St. Leger,
Commanding the Southern Force.*

11th February, 1815.

SIR,

AFTER the distinguished honor you have been pleased to confer on me, and the Troops under my Command in the Assault of yesterday, I feel loath to trouble you with any further mention of the subject, lest it should be thought I wished to arrogate to myself that credit which alone belongs to my Maker; for to his mercy and favour only can our success be justly ascribed. But I feel it my duty to state for your information, that, considering the service we were going upon, to be more desperate than it afterwards proved, I applied for Volunteers to form a Forlorn Hope, ere we left the Advanced Post on the night of the 9th; and a Serjeant, Corporal, and twelve Privates, from H. M. 69th Companies, immediately came forward; and I should be guilty of base ingratitude to

them, were I to neglect not only mentioning their names, but also stating their exemplary good conduct during the night; and further, that when Lieutenant Bertram and I at their head, found ourselves (by the darkness of the night, and the extreme difficulty of the ascent) entirely separated from all our brothers in arms, without scaling ladders, they determined to mount the wall, by climbing upon one another's backs, and to sell their lives, or carry every thing solely by the bayonet, which they actually performed, as far as our extreme good fortune rendered necessary.

I trust, Sir, when all this is considered, that I shall stand excused for this intrusion, and for recommending Serjeant Malkin and his party, as also the Bugleman of the Pioneers, to the notice and favour of my superiors.

It is already so fully known to you, Sir, how gallantly every Officer and Man of this Detachment behaved, that I shall not attempt to add to their credit by my feeble praise.

(Signed) J. WFLSH.

[Here follows a List]

**To Major J. Welsh, Commanding 2nd Battalion 3rd
Regiment Native Infantry.**

SIR,

WE, the Officers composing the Storming Party under your Orders on the 10th February, 1809 (upon the Travancore Lines), fully impressed with a deep sense of your unwearied perseverance, distinguished gallantry, and superior judgment, beg your acceptance of a Piece of Plate, as a memorial of it.

W. SYMS, Captain, H. M. 69th Reg.
H. LINDSAY, Captain, H. M. 69th Reg.
H. H. PEPPER, Captain, 1st Bat. 3rd Reg.
I. CARFRAE, Captain, 2nd Bat. 3rd Reg.
C. LUCAS, Captain, 3rd Reg.
J. READ, Lieutenant, 69th Reg.
ROBERT CARY, Lieutenant, 69th Reg.
GEO. LANE, Lieutenant, 69th Reg.
S. BABY, Lieutenant, 69th Reg.
A. BABY, Lieutenant, 69th Reg.
R. R. GORE, Lieutenant, 3rd Reg. N. I.
JAMES WALKER, Lieutenant, 3rd Reg.
J. W. DAWSON, Lieutenant, 2nd Bat. 3rd Reg.
W. W. JFFERY, Lieutenant, 2nd Bat. 3rd Reg. N. I.
R. INVERARITY, Lieutenant, 2nd Bat. 3rd Reg.
T. M. GOBLE, Lieutenant, 2nd Bat. 3rd Reg.
T. TAGG, Lieutenant, 2nd Bat. 3rd Reg.
C. ROBERTSON, Lieutenant, 2nd Bat. 7th Reg. N. I.
W. MILLS BLAKE, Ensign.
E. RULE, Ensign.
B. MEREDITH, Ensign, 1st Bat. 3rd Reg.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Ensign, 2nd Bat. 3rd Reg.
LIEUT. BERTRAM, 2nd Bat. of Pioneers.
W. S. ANDERSON, Assistant-Surgeon.

COPY OF ANSWER TO ADDRESS.

To Captains Syms and Lindsay, Lieutenants Read, Carey, Lane, S. Baby and A. Baby, H. M. 69th Reg.; Captains Lucas, Pepper, and Carfrae; Lieutenants Walker, Tagg, Gore, Goble, Inverarity, Dawson, Jeffery, and Robinson; Ensigns Blake, Rule, Meredith, and Shepherd, and Assistant-Surgeon Anderson, 3rd Regiment Native Infantry; and Captain-Lieutenant Bertram, of Pioneers.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE received, with emotions that I would not exchange for millions, your obliging favour, intimating your approbation of my conduct on the 10th instant; but, alas, I am really at a loss for words adequate to my feelings on this occasion. At the same time that I feel unconscious of deserving such a testimony, for merely persevering in doing my duty, yet I cannot deny myself the gratification you have so handsomely proposed: I shall accept with gratitude your proffered memorial (provided it be of trifling cost), and shall present it to my beloved wife, as the dearest trophy of my life. Believe me, Gentlemen, it will amply repay me for nearly nineteen years of toil in the service of my country; for some years of unparalleled misfortunes and distress, and for unmerited censure on a late occasion, which had embittered the last two years of my life. Allow me now, in conclusion (although you have anticipated me) to offer

you all and individually my warmest thanks, for your uncommon exertions and gallant support on that memorable occasion, and to request that you will make known to the brave fellows under your respective Commands, my admiration and unqualified approbation of their conduct, which I have already stated to my superiors.

Believe me, my dear Friends, to remain,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) J. WELSH.

Camp inside Arambooly Gate,

February 13, 1809.

G. O. G. 16th February, 1809.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council has the greatest satisfaction in publishing in General Orders, the following Extracts of Letters received from the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger, announcing the decisive and distinguished success which attended the Storm of the Lines of Travancore, by the Troops under the Command of that Officer.

Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger to the Chief Secretary of the Government, dated 10th of February, 1809.

“ I had the honor this morning to convey to you by
“ Express, a small Note in pencil, for the information

“ of the Honorable the Governor in Council, by which
 “ you were made acquainted with the satisfactory in-
 “ telligence of the British Flags being flying in every
 “ part of the Arambooly Lines, as well as the com-
 “ manding Redoubts to the north and south.

“ It is impossible for me to convey in language
 “ sufficiently strong, the obligations I feel under to
 “ the personal exertions of Major Welsh, commanding
 “ 3rd Regiment Native Infantry, and the Detachment
 “ for Escalade under his Command.

“ The Southern Redoubt, which presented a com-
 “ plete enfilade of the whole of the main lines as far
 “ as the gate, was the object of Major Welsh's enter-
 “ prize; an enterprize which, from the natural strength
 “ of the approach, appeared only practicable to the
 “ exertions and determined bravery of British Troops,
 “ led on to glory by Major Welsh. It was ascended
 “ under cover of the night, and our Troops had actually
 “ ~~escaladed~~ the wall, ere their approach was sus-
 “ pected; and the ascent was of such great difficulty,
 “ as to require six hours of actual scrambling to reach
 “ the foot of the walls.

“ On consideration of the brilliancy of this achieve-
 “ ment, I feel a pleasurable duty in detailing, for the
 “ information of the Honorable the Governor in Coun-
 “ cil, a List of the Names of the Officers who accom-
 “ panied the Detachment for Escalade: it consisted of
 “ two Companies, and the Picquet of H. M. 69th Re-
 “ giment, commanded by Captain Syms; and the four

“ Flank, and five Battalion Companies, from the 3rd
 “ Regiment Native Infantry, under Captain Lucas:
 “ and it did not require that confirmation which Major
 “ Welsh has conveyed to me in the most handsome
 “ manner, to convince me, that to have accomplished
 “ such an object, every man must have done his duty.

“ In the list of gallant fellows which accompanies
 “ this Dispatch, I have to lament the fate of poor
 “ Capt. Cunningham, of H. M. 69th Regiment, whose
 “ wound I fear is mortal, which deprives his country
 “ of a brave and valuable Officer.

“ When Major Welsh had once effected his security
 “ in this commanding position, I dispatched to his
 “ assistance, by the same arduous route, a Company
 “ of H. M. 69th Regiment, and three Companies of the
 “ 1st Battalion 13th Regiment, under Capt. Hodgson,
 “ to reinforce, and give confidence to his party. As
 “ soon as this addition was perceived, a Detachment
 “ from his party stormed the main lines, and, by dint
 “ of persevering bravery, carried them entirely, and
 “ the Northern Redoubt was abandoned by the panic-
 “ struck enemy, who fled in all possible confusion in
 “ every direction, leaving me in possession of their
 “ strongest lines; and I am now encamped two miles
 “ interior of the Arambooly Gate.

“ I had ordered the remainder of the Detachment to
 “ be under arms at midnight, and marched to the most
 “ convenient position, either to secure Major Welsh's
 “ retreat, or furnish him support; and when day-light

“ permitted, Major Welsh had the satisfaction to see
 “ his friends at hand, ready to support him.

“ It would be injustice in me, not to express the
 “ active services I received from Lieutenant-Colonel
 “ M’Leod, of H. M. 69th Regiment; they were such
 “ as might be expected from an Officer of his repu-
 “ tation and experience, in bringing forward his Re-
 “ giment in support of the attack, with the most
 “ willing zeal.

“ I feel it a duty I owe, from the report of Major
 “ Welsh, of the Pioneers who accompanied him, to
 “ express my entire approbation of their conduct, and
 “ that of Lieutenant Bertram, who commanded them.

“ In short, I feel highly satisfied with the conduct
 “ of the Officers and Men who composed the Detach-
 “ ment under my Command.

“ I am in possession of the arsenal, which appears
 “ well stored with arms and ammunition, and military
 “ stores, with a quantity of valuable ordnance on the
 “ works, which has not as yet been ascertained.

“ I have not been able to ascertain the loss of the
 “ enemy, but it must have been considerable.

“ *List of Officers composing the Detachment for Escalade*
 “ *under Major Welsh.*

“ Captain Syms, of H. M. 69th Regiment; Captain
 “ Lindsay, Captain Cunningham, Lieutenant Carey,
 “ Lieutenant Reed, Lieutenant Lane, Lieutenant Baby,
 “ Lieutenant Baby, Captain Lucas, 3rd Regiment N. I.;

“ Captain Pepper, Captain Carfrae, Lieutenant Walker,
 “ Lieutenant Tagg, Lieutenant Dawson, Lieutenant
 “ Goble, Lieutenant Inverarity, Lieutenant Jeffrey,
 “ Lieutenant Rule, Lieutenant Shepherd, Lieutenant
 “ Blake, Lieutenant A. Bertram, Pioneers.”

Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger to the Chief Secretary of the Government, dated the 11th February, 1809.

“ In the hurry of my Dispatch of yesterday, I
 “ omitted to state, for the information of the Honor-
 “ able the Governor in Council, the important services
 “ I had derived from Major Lampton’s ability and
 “ well-known professional skill; an omission I feel,
 “ and the more, as I am fully sensible of the service
 “ he rendered me.”

The Governor in Council considers the execution of the above service to reflect equal honor on the judgment with which it was planned, and on the signal zeal and bravery with which it was carried into effect. The Governor in Council accordingly conveys to the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger, the expression of his warmest approbation and thanks; and Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger is requested to make known to the Officers and Troops under his Command, particularly to Major Welsh, who gallantly and ably conducted the party employed in the Assault, and to

the other Officers mentioned by Lieutenant-Colonel Sentleger, the sentiments of cordial approbation due to their meritorious conduct.

(COPY).

MY DEAR WELSH,

THE Colonel desires me to communicate to you, that in consequence of Dispatches this evening received, he is almost inclined to suspend your intended operations of this night; but on consideration of the confidence you express, and the preparations already taken, he is induced to permit you to put your plans in execution, under the positive restriction, that you act with the most perfect caution; that you run no risk of attempting what you may be unable to accomplish; and, above all, that you hazard nothing, where any thing like a defeat could be claimed.

You must be sensible of the confidence he has placed in you, and he feels assured that it is not misplaced.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM.

$\frac{1}{2}$ 6 o'Clock.

This Note from the Private Secretary to Colonel Sentleger, I received as a *stimulus*, at the moment of marching for the Storm, and put it in my pocket, where it was found two days afterwards.—J. WELSH.