

To The Honble the President in Council of Madras.

Sir,

The situation in which I have been placed by the late orders of the Honble Court of Directors has been most embarrassing, and required the short deliberation I stated to Council in my address of the 11th Instant.

As the next consideration to the Preservation of my own Character, in my mind, is the due Proceeding and advantage of the public Service, I have at present, but this mutual Point in view, and my object will be, if practicable, to secure this general Result.

It is too evident, to every Person, who may have seen the late order from the Honble

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Court of Directors, that without the use of injurious
Expressions, no dismissal from their employment, could
be more complete, where there was less allegation,
and more Appearance of discredit. It has the
painful Singularity of giving us Reason, and
rendering defence impossible. It is to be presumed,
that the Motives will be set forth, on a future day
but at present, I stand degraded in the Eyes of
the whole Army, precipitated from my Situation,
and left to seek my Return to Europe, at a
distant day from this remote Region, in what
Manner I shall be able to effect it. I repeat,
that nothing can be more disgraceful than the
Situation, in which I am thrown, that it is
wholly unprecedented, and I will allow myself
to think, that the Honorable Court of Directors
themselves are not aware of the Extent of degra-
-dation and Injury Experience till a separa-
-ture from this Country can be accomplished.

It seems to have been altogether

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out of view, that I hold another station in India,
 and that I am appointed by His Majesty, to be a
 Lieutenant General on His Majesty's Staff. Miraculous
 indeed should I be, could I imagine, that the
 disgraceful Expulsion from the Honble Company's
 Employment, carried with it a similar Inflection
 from His Majesty. Till I shall have so painful
 an account from the usual authority I never
 will admit the existence of a circumstance, that
 would overwhelm me with distress, and not one
 Moment before its time, will I give way to so
 cruel a Reflection.

This, at once, leads to the Point, that
 I put myself in full unimpair'd Possession of the
 Station, in which I was placed by His Majesty, and
 which I cannot resign, without a worse than
 Suicide, a Destruction of Character more fatal
 than the Loss of Life. Let it be only considered
 that I do not resign, and thereby commit an
 act of self cooperative degradation, that may

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weaken the appeal I shall make. "If this be understood;" I do not wish to act, or interfere, in any degree; arrangements can easily be made. The Commander in Chief in India is on the spot, and can assist with his advice, and the Government are in possession of Papers, which I laid before them from His Majesty, and which are forcibly relevant to the subject, again Sir, I beg Permission to express, that it is my anxious wish to advance not to protract arrangement, and that if I secure my Reputation, and the Means to establish it unimpaired, on a future day, I have gained all that I require.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Humble Servant.

Signed / J. F. Craddock

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