Mrs Howe
December 2. 1799

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Sir

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Mrs Howe has just received the enclosed from Lord Gower; she hopes your majesty will not think she takes too great a liberty in sending the whole note, instead of an extract from it.

Grafton Street
Decr 2d. 1799

Ld. Gower to Mrs. Howe
Enclosure

Dec. 2 1799

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Monday morng.

Dear Mrs: Howe

I have just received a letter from Col: Eliot by which I find that he accepts my nomination of him to the supernumerary Lieutenant Colonelcy. At the same time he confesses

that he has some strong objections to it. The truth is that he is a gentleman of small fortune and burdened with a large family, and I am confident that, if he could be otherwise provided for, he would with pleasure decline it

Would it not be proper that His Majesty should be informed of the circumstance of his acceptance

I am
Dear Mr. Howe
most sincerely yours
Gower

Ld. Spencer

Dec. 2 1799

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of laying before your Majesty the Proceedings and Sentence of a Court Martial held at the Nore on a Seaman belonging to the Cyclades for endeavouring to excite the Prisoners on board the Hoop to rise and take Possession of her for the Enemy; and as the Facts alledged appear to be very clearly proved, and the Crime is one of a very dangerous Tendency, Earl Spencer humbly submits to your Majesty the Propriety of ordering the Law to take its Course.

Admiralty. 2 Dec: 1799.

Ld Auckland

Dec. 2 1799

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Eden Farm Decr. 2nd.

Lord Auckland is most grateful to your Majesty on many Accounts, but on none more than when credit is given to him for a most earnest disposition to promote your Majesty's gracious wishes & to execute your Commands. In the present instance that disposition has been exerted necessarily without effect.

Lord Auckland did not lose a moment in communicating with Lord Gower, whose sentiments (he was sorry to learn) had a few hours before been submitted thro' Mr. Rose to your Majesty; & the result had been the

resignation

resignation of the Lieutenancy "as the best means of promoting "Your Majesty's Wishes."

Lord Auckland has preserv'd the strictest Secrecy on this occasion, upon the principle that if his Intervention could not do Good, it should not at least occasion any possible misconception. The Intimation was stated most confidentially to Lord Gower, & was receiv'd by him as originating in a kind Motive on the one Hand to prevent some very unpleasant consequences if the proposed appointment had taken place; & in a most condescending delicacy on the part of Your Majesty

On

Ld. Auckland

Dec. 2 1799

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on the other hand to learn how far he might feel himself committed. In this latter case, Lord Auckland had hoped that it might still have been discuss'd & consider'd whether, tho Lord Gower might have precluded himself from any present nomination of Major Desbrowe to the new Lieut.t Colonelcy, still he might not under a fair construction of the act, & by postponing, or modelling, or qualifying the report on the new formation of the Battalions, have avoided the necessity of making any appointment whatever.

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Lord Auckland

December 2. 1799

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 8th Decr. 1799.

Mr Dundas humbly requests your Majestys permission to be absent from London a few weeks wishing at present to spend a short time with that part of his family now in Scotland.

Mr Dundas begs leave

to take this opportunity of humbly submitting to your Majestys Goodness, his Desire to be relieved from the situation he holds in the War Department. His Sentiments on that Subject remain the same as they were when, in obedience to your Majestys Special commands, He reluc:

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tantly remained in the Exercise
of a Part of the Duties usually
performed by the Secretary of
State for the Home Department.
He has repeatedly stated those
sentiments to Mr Pitt, and
has recently urged him to
some arrangement of your
Majestys Business, which
might confine Mr Dundas

Mr. Sec. Dundas
Wimbledon
8th Dec. 174

solely to the functions of the Indian Department. He has not hitherto been successful in satisfying my Pill upon that subject, and can therefore at present only state his humble hopes that your Majestys Goodness will, when convenient, condescend to take his earnest Wishes under your

Majesty's gracious consideration.
Mr Dundas does not presume to
press his own convenience or
comfort in any manner which
may on due reflexion be judged
by others incompatable with
the Publick Service; But a
Commander in Chief being
now established at the head
of the army with authority

and confidence adequate to the Situation, — all the important Foreign Possessions of your Majestys Enemies being now subdued, — your Majestys own Distant and Colonial Possessions being now in a state of Safety and tranquillity, — the internal Defence of the Kingdom being

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amply provided for, — and a large and efficient army being collected adequate to every Exigency, — There seems to remain very little, use, if there ever was any before, for the continuance of a separate War Department, in addition to the ordinary Channels through which that part of the Publick Service

has formerly been conducted

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Mr. Secretary Dundas
Windsor Dec. 8. 179[illegible]

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Answer to Mr. Secy. Dundas
Windsor Dec. 9th 1799 m 47 p. 8 A.M.

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Windsor Dec. 9th 1799
m 47 p. 8 A.M.

I have this Morning received Mr. Secretary Dundas's letter, as his private affairs require his going to Scotland for a few Weeks, I cannot in the smallest degree object to it. As to his desire of relinquishing the War Department and only keeping that of the East Indies; He cannot be surprised that I cannot enter on that subject unless Mr. Secretary Dundas has obtained the full acquiescence of Mr. Pitt to such an idea, which I do not at present expect.

G R

Minute of Cabinet
Downing Street Dec. 12. 1799.
From Lord Grenville

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Downing Street Dec. 12.
1799.

Present

The Lord Chancellor
Lord Privy Seal
Duke of Portland
Earl Spencer
Earl of Liverpool
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer
Mr. Windham
Lord Grenville

Upon consideration of the dispatches received from the Earl of Elgin it is agreed humbly to submit to His Majesty that it would be proper that instructions should be sent to the Earl

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of Elgin to decline all applications for any passports for the transport of the French Army in Egypt from that Country to France: and to state that the power of granting capitulations rests not with His Majesty's Ambassadors or Ministers at Foreign Courts, but with the proper officers of His Majesty's Fleets, and Armies. But to add that for the information of the Porte he is authorized to acquaint the Turkish Ministers, that His Majesty's orders to the Commander in Chief of His forces in the Mediterranean, enjoin him

not

not to consent to the return of the French Army, or to their capitulating on any other terms than that of surrendering as Prisoners of War to the Allied forces employed against them, and of giving up their Arms, and also all their Vessels of every description, to be divided amongst the Allies in proportion to the Naval force which may at that time be employed in the blockade of Alexandria, or in other operations against that Army.

That instructions should be sent to Lord Keith accordingly, and that he should be further instructed

instructed, to order the Commanders of any of His Majesty's Ships of War, who may fall in with any Vessels carrying any such troops, that they should disregard any such passports in case the same should have been granted, but that they should not in that case exercise any other act of hostility against the said Ships, than such as may be indispensably necessary in order to compell such Ships to return to Alexandria

And that Lord Keith should take the first opportunity to communicate these determinations by a flag of truce to the French Army in Egypt.

The King
Decr. 18 - 1799

to Abp. of Canterbury

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My Lord, having already expressed the desire of my Daughter Amelia that You would Confirm Her I now desire that You will come here on Monday before four, as I am desirous You shall have some private Conversation with Her in the Evening on the Serious Duty She is to perform on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the Anniversary of the Birth of Our Blessed Saviour I hope You will administer the Holy Communion to Her and the rest of us here. The Bishop being confined with the Gout at Bath, I have desired the Bishop of St Davids to preach the Sermon, if He is as fortunate as in the three He has preached in His Residence, I flatter myself He will meet with Your Approbation. I ever remain

My Lord
Your's most affectionately
George R.

Windsor
Dec. 18th 1799.

Windsor, 18 Dec. 1799.

From The King
To
The late Archbishop Moore.

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The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of The Slave Limitation Bill, and for The Lords to be summoned; The said Bill was read, a Second time: Upon the Question put that The Bill be committed:

For the Commitment.	Against it.
2. Lord Grenville,	1. His Royal Highness The Duke of Clarence.
4. Lord Grenville on the matter of Order.	3. Lord Romney to Order
6. Lord Grenville	5. Lord Thurlow, to Order:
9. Lord Holland	7. Earl of Westmorland.
11. Bishop of Rochester.	8. Lord Douglas of Lochleven
	10. Lord Hay
	12. Lord Thurlow.

On the Question put.

Lord Holland } Content. 25. Proxies. 36 In all 61
Lord Hay } Not Content. 32. Proxies. 36 In all. 68.

The Bill Rejected.

D. of Portland
Bulstrode Dec. 25th 1799.
45 p. g. PM.

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Lord Portland

It will appear to Your Majesty by the Lord Lieutenant's dispatch that he will not consider it expedient to attempt to carry into effect the measure of recruiting from the Irish Militia until he is informed of the specific Regiments to which the Recruits are to be allotted, & until some part, at least, of the Regular Troops which are destined to serve in Ireland are arrived. The Duke of Portland humbly

humbly conceives Your Majesty may not deem it improper in him to observe to Your Majesty that he was enabled by His Royal Highness The Duke of York to transmit on the 12th of this month to The Lord Lieutenant a particular Statement of the Regiments ordered on that service together with a list of those from which recruiting parties were to be sent, & to let him know at the same time that Your Majestys Orders had been given to The Board of Admiralty to give the necessary directions for the embarkation of the Troops & Parties in question without loss of time —

D. of Portland
Bulstrode Dec. 25th. 1799.
45 p. g. PR.

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Your Majesty having directed the Petition of Ralph Smith & Sadler to be appointed a Pensioner on the Charter House Foundation to be sent to the Duke of Portland, he begs leave with all humility to represent to Your Majesty that nearly a twelvemonth ago he submitted, at the instance of Mr Alderman Hobbert, who had then lately rendered material service to Your Majesty's Government by the distinguished part he had taken at a meeting in the City on the subject of the Income Tax, the name of a person to Your Majesty for this situation, who is in every respect qualified

qualified to fill it, & in consequence of Your Majesty's gracious condescension the Duke of Portland gave the Aldermen encouragement to hope that his wishes would be accomplished at no very distant period. the Duke of Portland therefore requests Your Majesty's pleasure may be signified to him whether the appointment to the present vacancy is to be made out in favor of Smith or of the person for whom it was solicited by Mr Alderman Gibbs; if Your Majesty should prefer Smith, the person recommended by the

Aldermen

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Alderman will only wait till it comes to the Duke of Portland's turn to nominate a Pensioner; & if on the contrary your Majesty should decide in favor of the Alderman's man & will condescend to persuade the Duke of Portland to nominate Smith on his first vacancy, Your Majesty's Commands will be executed with as much zeal in one as in the other case—

Windsor—
Wednesday 25 Decr: 1799
m
45 p. 9. p. m.

Duke of Portland

Dec. 28 1799

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The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to lay before Your Majesty a dispatch which he received this morning from The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. As it appears to require as immediate an answer as the circumstances especially it will admit the Duke of Portland conceives that it may save Your Majesty some trouble & prevent delay to suppose

Last

has ventured with all humility to submit to Your Majesty a draft of an answer which he has prepared to the Lord Lieutenant's Letter which, from the state, as he is given to understand of the Clothing of the Regiments destined for Ireland, he can not but feel to be dictated by necessity as well as by expediency & considering the intention of adjourning the Irish Parliament immediately after the Address has been voted to Your Majesty, for the purpose of filling up the unusually great number of Vacancies which have been occasioned in the House of Commons. It may appear

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Duke of Portland

Dec. 28 1799

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to Your Majesty that the same cause may be separable for acquiescing in the mode proposed by the Lord Lieutenant for introducing the measure into Parliament —

Bulstrode —
Saturday 28th Decr 1799
½ 10 p. 9. p. m.

D. of Portland
to Windsor Dec. 28. 1796.
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Bp. of St Davids (Stuart)
Q. No 9432 Sunday Dec. ? 22 or ? 29 1799

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Sir,

The approbation with which your Majesty has honoured the feeble exertions of my talents not only fills my mind with the utmost pleasure and gratitude, but will, I trust, ever be an additional motive to such diligence & good conduct as may, in some degree, render me worthy of your Majesties notice.

To your Majesty alone I am indebted for the station I hold in the Church; and I beg leave to assure you, Sir, that it will be the pride of my life to prove that I am, on every occasion

Your Majesties most grateful
as well as most dutiful subject

William St Davids

Windsor
Sunday evening.

Ld. Grenville
& H.M.'s reply

Dec. 31 1799

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Dropmore Dec. 31. 1799.
¼ p 7. P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to trans-
-mit to Your Majesty the inclosed letters which
he has just received from London. They were brought
by a Messenger from Dover where, very properly,
neither the Courier nor the Passengers were allowed

to Land.

Lord Grenville has taken measures for summoning without delay a meeting of Your Majesty's Servants to consider of these Papers. He does not presume to anticipate the result of that discussion, but he cannot refrain from expressing to Your Majesty the strong impression of his mind that this overture should at all events be declined, in such a way as may be most likely to satisfy the feelings of the public in this Country. Lord Grenville is persuaded

that

Ld. Grenville
& H. M.'s reply

Dec. 31 1799

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that the prevailing sentiment on the subject will be such as might be wished, provided proper care be taken to give a right tone in the first instance.

Answer Windsor Jan.y 1.st 1800. ¼ 8 P.M. 7 A.M.

The last Evening I received Lord Grenville's note forwarding the letter addressed to Me by Bonaparte, and that to him from Talleyrand; I trust Lord Grenville is convinced that I am perfectly easy that every one of my Ministers must view this in the same light I and He do, namely that it is impossible to treat with a new Imperious Self-created Aristocracy and I have too good an opinion of my Subjects at large to doubt that when properly stated, they must see it in the same light. I therefore am clearly of opinion that the only consideration is how to reject the proposal with that Dignity and Seriousness, which must set this Country in an high light with other European Countries, and make Englishmen look with respect on their own situation. I do not enter on the want of common Civility of the conclusion of the Corsican Tyrant's letter as it is much below my Attention, and no other answer can be given, than by a Communication on Paper, not a letter from Lord Grenville to Talleyrand. G.R.

Lord Grenville
Dropmore Dec. 30. 1799. m 15. p. 7. P
my answer. Windsor Jan. 1. 1800 m 8. p. 7.

Ld. Granville

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Lord Granville having this morning received from General Thylens (appointed to reside here as Minister from His Serene Highness the Duke of Wirtemberg,) the inclosed letters, he has thought it his duty to forward

forward them to Your Majesty. He will have the honour when he pays his duty to Your Majesty today to receive Your Majesty's commands as to the day when General Mylius may have the honour of delivering his credentials to Your Majesty.

No mail is yet arrived.

List.

Tippoo's own War Dress, War Turban and Boots found in his Wardrobe, with the Sultaun's name in the Persian Character on the Baskets containing each.

Tippoo's Steel Bow inlaid with Gold and his ornamented Quiver with Arrows.

The State Sword belonging to the Ancient Rajah of Mysore, the hilt inlaid with Gold.

A Royal Sword worn by Tip-
-poo Sultaun, the hilt inlaid with
Gold, and ornamented with in-
-scriptions in the Persian and
Arabic Characters, and with the
head and stripes of the Royal
Tyger, the emblem of the house of
Hyder Alli used as the Armor-
-al bearing of Tippoo Sultaun
and his Children. The Scabbard
of this Sword is ornamented
with Gold and with the Tyger
Stripe, and the Initial letter of
the name of Hyder in the Per-
-sian Character.

A long Spear made of the

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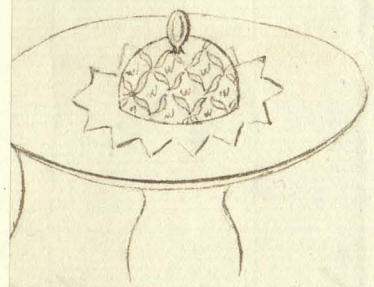
stem of a species of Grass or Cane.

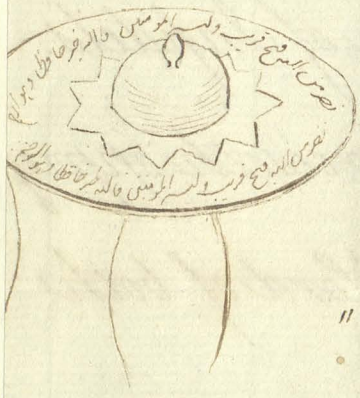
Guillaume
Bordeaux
1799

Translation of the Inscriptions on a Sword worn by the late Tippoo Sultaun.



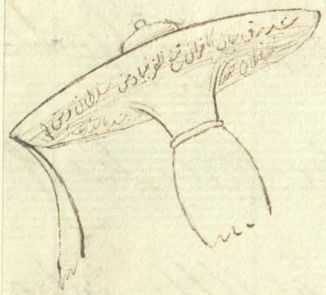
Upon the Knob at the top of the Hilt.

The word "Ullah" ("God") in each of the squares



Upon the upper surface of the Cap of the Hilt.

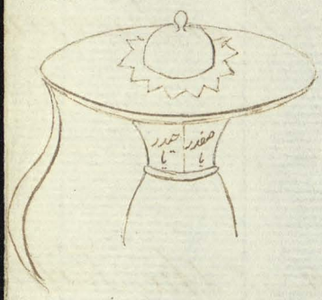
"Succour is of God. Victory is at hand.
"May he bring glad tidings to the fol-
"-lowers of the Faith, for God is a benefi-
"-cent protector, and the most merciful of
"the merciful."



Under the Cap of the Hilt.

"My conquering Sword is as lightning
"to the Souls of Infidels. The Lord of the
"faith Hyder+ shall aid me to be victorious.

+ Hyder is one of the titles of Alli, the Son in law of Mahomet. The word signifies,

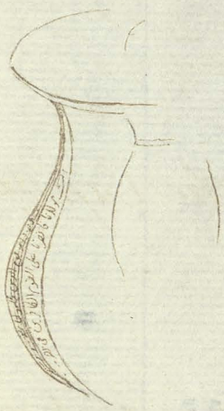


In the left Compartment between the Cap and the swell of the handle.

"Oh Hyder!"

In the right Ditto

"Oh Sufder!"



Upon the Guard

"Thou art our Lord. Therefore grant us "thy aid against the Race of Infidels. "Cut off that Tribe, which exerciseth oppres- "sion. Praise be to God, The Lord of both "Worlds."

On the left side of the Grasp of the Sabre

"Oh God, grant thy aid to those, who "promote the religion of Mohummud

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Lion, and Alli is styled the Lion of God.

Sufder signifies a breaker of the Ranks of Armies and is one of the titles of Alli who is particularly renowned as a Warrior.

" and make me of their number – Destroy
" those who injure the Religion of Mohum-
" mud, and let me not be one among
" them."

On the right side of the grasp of the Sabre, answering to the foregoing.

" Verily. If God give thee assistance,
" none ~~[illegible]~~ shall overcome thee. May
" the Lord afford thee aid; even a mighty
" aid!"

Inscription at the base of the Grasp, and above the Tyger's head.

" Forgive us! (O Lord)
" Pardon us! (O Lord)

Under the cross bar of the Hilt.

On one side.

" Oh Holy One!"

On the other

" Oh Sultan!"

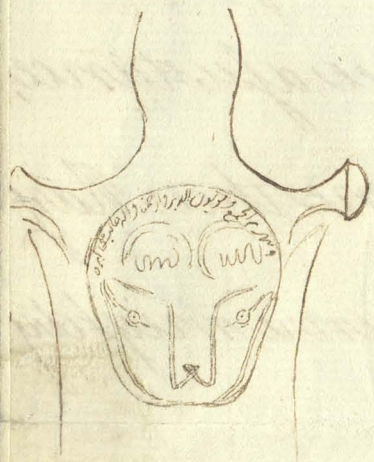
On the two Knobs at the ends of the Cross-bar.

On one.

"Verily Victory is thine."

On the other.

"A mighty Victory."



Inscription encircling the forehead of the Tyger's face.

"He overthroweth those who covet the "riches of this World. Have mercy upon "me – God is predominant over all his "Works."

Cyphered Inscription forming the forehead, eyes and nose of the Tyger's face.

"The Lion of God is a victorious Lion."

The Cypher on the reverse of the Tyger's face.

The same as the foregoing, but

doubled.

Inscription encircling the Cypher last mentioned.

" Maim all their fingers with the
" stroke of thy Sabre - Smite their necks
" with the edge of thy Sword."

Upon the Blade.

" My conquering Sword is as lightning
" to the Souls of Infidels. The Sultan of Re=
" -ligion, Hyder, shall aid me in the day
" of Victory."

At one extremity of the center Com=
=partment.

" The great God; Mohummud; Al=
" =li.

At the other extremity

" Khoodadaud Sirkar."

In the small separate Compart=
=ment.

"Hyder Year 1223" (1795/6)

N.B. All the above Inscriptions except the third, are extracts from the Alcoran.

Translation

"Spear of Hurpaulee Graf found
"at Furroch-yaub Hissar, (conjectured
"to be another name for Chittledroog)
"It is four hundred Years old."

N B Edmonstone
Pers. Trans.r
to the Govt.

For

His Majesty.