

For His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from the
Governor General. Mornington

Memorandum respecting the War Dress.

This war dress was worn by Tippoo Sultan in his Campaign in Adoni in 1786, against the Nizam and the Mahrattas. He was then in the plenitude of his Power. Rajah Cawn, the Sultan's favorite Slave, knew the dress immediately on its being shown to him, after the reduction of Srirangapatam, and confirmed the fact above stated.

This kind of dress (made however of less costly materials) was much worn by the Mahomedans of Mysoor. There were few troops in the world perhaps more personally active and vigilant than Tippoo's irregular horse, and as each man generally trusted to himself alone, it became an object to improve his personal means

means of defence. These dresses were used as a
sort of armour, and were certainly serviceable
in this respect, tho' heavy and cumbersome
both to the horse and rider; the latter however
was no doubt willing to sacrifice a part of his
own convenience for a proportionate degree of
security, and it is perfectly certain that these
stuffed and quilted Jackets were frequently
found to resist the Sabres even of our European
Cavalry.

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