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Admiralty Office, June 15, 1781.

Extract of a Letter, received the 12th Instant, from Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, K. B. and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, to Mr. Stephens, dated at Bombay, January 2, 1781.

N the 17th of October I failed from Madras Road, intending to proceed to the Relief of Tellicherry on this Coast, (closely invested by the Nairs, and a Detachment of Hyder Ally's Troops) and from thence to this Port, to clean and resit the Ships.

I arrived in Tellicherry Road on the 27th of November, where I found Two of the Company's

vember, where I found Two of the Company's Armed Snows, and a Transport Ship, which had brought Stores and Ammunition to the Garrison a few Days before: In the mean Time, the Armed Boats of the Ships in Callicut Road cut out and brought away One of Hyder Ally's Ships, and forced the other on Shore; but, in the Course of their Operation, the Sartine Frigate, being warped into Shoal Water to cannonade the Enemy's Ships, struck on the Rocks at Low Water, and filled, so that she was totally lost; a Part of her Sails, Topthat she was totally lost; a Part of her Sails, Topmasts, Booms, and some other Stores; being all that could be faved out of her.

After having left a Captain of Marines, with Four Officers, and an Hundred and Eight Rank and File, with One Thousand Barrels of Powder, at Tellicherry, for it's Desence, until a Reinsorcement should arrive from Bombay, I sailed with all the Squadron towards Bombay on the 5th of De-

cember last.

On the 8th of December, being off Mangulore, the principal Sea Port of Hyder Ally on the Malabar Coast, I saw Two Ships, a large Snow, Three Ketches, and many smaller Vessels, at an Anchor in the Road, with Hyder Ally's Colours slying on board them; and, standing with the Squadron close into the Road, found them to be Vessels of Force, and all armed for War; on which I anchored as close to the Enemy's Vessels as possible, with Safety to the Ships, and ordered the Armed Boats of the Squadron to attack and destroy them, under Cover of the Fire of the Company's Two Armed Snows, and of the Prize Ship cut out of Callicut Road, which were anchored in Shoal Water, and close to the Enemy's Ships. This Service was couducted, on the Part of our Boats, with a Spirit and Activity that do much Honor to the Officers and Men employed in them; and, in Two Hours, they took and burnt the Two Ships, One of Twenty eight, the other of Twenty fix Guns; One Ketch of Twelve Guns was blown up by the Enemy at the Instant our Boats were boarding her; another Ketch of Ten Guns, which cut her Cables; and endeavoured to put Sea, was taken; and the Third Ketch, with the smaller Vessels, were all forced on Shore, the Snow only escaping into the Harbour, after having thrown every Thing overboard to lighten her. On this Service the Squadron lost Lieutenant Gomm of the Burford, and Ten Men, killed; Lieutenant Sutton of the Superb, Lieutenant Maclellan of the Eagle, and Fifty-one Men, wounded, many of them fince dead. On the 20th of December I arrived with the Squadron in this Harbour, and immediatly fet about

the Docking and Refitting the Ships for Service. which I hope to accomplish in all the Month of

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MOtice is bereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, belonging to His Majesty's Ships Charon, Porcupine, and Raceborfe, aubo were actually at the taking of the St. Joseph Prize Register Ship, at St. Ferdinando D'Omou in the Bay of Hondiral, that St. Ferdinando D'Unioù in the Bay of Honduras, tout they will be paid their respective Shares of the First Payment of the said Prize, at the French Horn in Grutched-Friurs; on Thursday the 2 of Instant; and that the Shares not then demanded will be recalled the last Thursday in every Month, at the French Horn aforefaid. John Luttrella

