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St. James's, December 17.
Ceremonial of the Knighthood and Investiture of the Right Honourable Edward Earl Ligonier, of the Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General of His Majesty's Forces.

THE Knights and the Officers of the Order attended in the Privy Chamber in their Mantles, &c. and proceeded from thence, after the Levee, into the Sovereign's Presence, making the usual Reverences, in the following Order.

- Gentleman Usher of the Order, in his Mantle, Chain and Badge, bearing the Scarlet Rod.
- Register and Secretary of the Order, in his Mantle, Chain and Badge.
- Deputy to Bath King of Arms, in the Mantle, Chain and Badge of Bath, bearing the Ribbon and Badge of the Order on a Crimson Velvet Cushion.
- Knights Companions.
- Sir Charles Thompson, Bart.
- Sir Ralph Payne.
- Sir Charles Frederick.
- Right Honourable Lord Amherst.
- Right Honourable Sir Joseph Yorke.

Then, by the Sovereign's Command, the Earl Ligonier was introduced into the Presence by Sir Charles Thompson and Sir Ralph Payne, the Two Junior Knights present, preceded by the Gentleman Usher of the Order, with Reverences as before.

The Sword of State was delivered to the Sovereign by Lord Amherst, the Second Knight in Seniority, and Earl Ligonier, kneeling, was knighted therewith. Then Sir Joseph Yorke, the Senior Knight, presented the Ribbon and Badge to the Sovereign, and His Majesty put them over the new Knight's Right Shoulder, who, being thus invested, and having kissed His Majesty's Hand, the Procession returned to the Privy Chamber in the above Order, Earl Ligonier, the new Knight, preceding.

The Ceremony was performed in His Majesty's Chamber, several Great Officers of the Court being present.

St. James's, December 18.
 The following Address having been transmitted by his Excellency the Earl of Carlisle, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Earl of Hillsborough, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to His Majesty.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty.
 The Public Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,
 WHE year Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons of Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to express our unalterable Loyalty and Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family and Government, and to assure your Majesty, that in the present critical Situation of Affairs, when your Majesty's Dominions are exposed to a powerful and dangerous Combination of Enemies, we think it peculiarly incumbent on us to declare our warmest Zeal for the Honor of your Majesty's Crown, and our most earnest Wishes for the Prosperity of the British Empire.

Conscious that our Interests are become inseparably united with those of Great Britain, we feel that the Events of War have involved both Countries in a common Calamity; and we entreat your Majesty to believe that we hold it to be our indispensable Duty, as it is our most hearty Inclination,

chearfully to support your Majesty, to the utmost of our Abilities, in all such Measures as can tend to defeat the Confederacy of your Majesty's Enemies, and to restore the Blessings of a lasting and honourable Peace.

Wm. Watt's Gayer, } Cler. Parliament.
 Edw. Gayer, }

St. James's, December 18.
THE following Extracts of Letters from the East-Indies have been transmitted by the Court of Directors of the East India Company to the Earl of Hillsborough, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Extract of a Letter from the Chief and Factors at Amjengo to the Court of Directors, dated the 6th of August, 1781. Received over Land the 16th of December.

THE Morning Star Cruizer from Bombay having called here on her Way to Bussorah, we embrace the Opportunity of communicating to your Honours the pleasing Intelligence, of Sir Eyre Coote having entirely defeated the Army of Hyder Ally Caun in a general Engagement, between Porto Novo and Mooteapollam, on the 1st of last Month, the Particulars of which your Honours will be fully informed of by the accompanying Extract of a Letter from Sir Eyre Coote to Colonel Braithwaite at Tanjore, dated the 6th ult. which was transmitted to the Resident by Captain Bidington. (the Commandant at Palamcotah), who has likewise advised him of the following Particulars:

That the Swallow Packet reached Madras on the 22d of June, and the Rodney Packet do on the 12th ult. the latter having parted with the Fleet the sailed with from England on the 5th of April, in Latitude 28 North: That the Army commanded by Sir Eyre Coote passed Perimcoi on the 18th ult. with a View of effecting a Junction with the large Detachment of Bengal Troops, which, with three Battalions from the Northern Circars, had for some Time been on their Way to Madras, where, by the last Accounts, they were nearly arrived.

Extract of a Letter from Sir Eyre Coote to Colonel Braithwaite, dated July 6, 1781.

THE 3d Instant I had the Pleasure to acquaint you of the Success of our little Army, in a general Action the 1st Instant with Hyder Ally, between Port Novo and Mooteapollam. It lasted Eight Hours, and was a hard fought Day on both Sides. The Enemy's Force consisted of 25 Battalions of Infantry, 400 Europeans, from 40 to 50,000 Horse, and above 100,000 Matchlock Men, Pons, and Polygars, with 47 Pieces of Cannon well served. Our Second Line having occupied some Heights by which our Rear was secured, I advanced with the First towards the Enemy's Guns, many of which had we had a Body of Cavalry, must have fallen into our Hands.—They made repeated Attempts to force us with their Horse, and kept up a brisk Cannonade, which for a long Time our heavy Fire could not silence. Yielding at Length to the Strenuous Spirit, and Bravery of our comparatively small Number of Troops, they retreated precipitately, and left us Masters of the Field. Meer Saib (Hyder Ally's favourite General) received a mortal Wound; and among 4000 killed are many of the principal Officers. On our Side we lost very few Officers, and from 3 to 400 killed and wounded. You will be pleased to communicate this fortunate Event to all the Southern Garrisons.

The foregoing is a true Copy of an Extract which I received from Captain James Bidington.
 (Signed) J. A. MORLEY.