

Attention which your Royal Goodness has graciously bestowed on your Subjects, in promoting that desirable Event.

We trust, under the Auspices of your Majesty's continued Exertions for the Welfare and Happiness of your People, that the Trade and Manufactures of the Kingdom will be speedily restored, and that the National Commerce will be extended throughout the Globe.

Permit us further with Humility to assure your Majesty, that we shall constantly endeavour to support the Dignity of your Crown, and the Tranquillity of your Majesty's Reign, by exerting ourselves within the Precincts of our Jurisdiction in the Suppression of Vice, and encouraging good Order, amongst your Majesty's Subjects.

Given under the Common Seal of our Corporation, this Third Day of April, in the Twenty-third Year of your Majesty's Reign.

Cumberland House, April 7.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland will have a Levee on Monday next, the 14th Instant, at Two o'Clock.

Whitehall, April 12.

Extracts of Letters from Lieutenant-General Sir Eyre Coote, K. B. dated Madras the 31st of August and 25th of September, 1782, received at the Office of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the 7th of April, 1783.

WHILST I was straining every Nerve in advancing the Army to the Neighbourhood of Chingleput, to counteract the Views of Hyder and the French, I anxiously looked to the Result of my Reference to the Governor General, and to the Arrival of their Orders in consequence, as a Period which would undoubtedly restore to me that Authority over the Southern Troops which would enable me to direct them to such a Co-operation as might tend equally to facilitate my own Movements, and distract the Designs of our Enemies: But most unfortunately on the 18th of February, long before any Answer could come from Bengal, Colonel Brathwaite was attacked by Hyder Ally's Son Tippu Saib, and Mons. Lally, near the Banks of the Coleroon, and totally defeated. His whole Detachment, consisting of about 2000 Infantry, 250 Cavalry, 18 Officers, and a Field Train of 13 Pieces, were either captured or destroyed.

The French being free from any Apprehensions of a Check from our Southern Forces, and covered by the Army of Hyder Ally to the Northward, which secured them from all sudden Attack by my Army, proceeded in perfect Security against Cuddalore, which being incapable of holding out for any length of Time, was, on the 6th of April, surrendered to the French Forces under Mons. Duchemin, on Terms of Capitulation, which I have the Honour to inclose.

To his Excellency Sir Eyre Coote, K. B. Lieutenant-General and Commander in Chief in India.

S I R,

IT gives me much Concern to inform you, that this Garrison surrendered to the French Arms on the 4th Instant in the Morning. A Copy of the Capitulation I have now the Honor of forwarding.

I flatter myself your Excellency will excuse me for not sending it sooner, as I have been prevented by a Multiplicity of Business, owing to constant Applications from the Gentlemen in Charge of the French Officers, relative to the delivering over the Stores, &c. of this Garrison.

I have the Honor to be,

With the greatest Respect,

Your Excellency's very obedient and most humble Servant,

(Signed) *James Hughes.*

Cuddalore, April 6, 1782.

S I R,

THE French General, being desirous of having as little Bloodshed as possible, has sent me to inform you, that the Nabob's Troops having joined

his Army, if you do not immediately surrender, I will be out of his Power to prevent the plundering of the Fort, being promised to the European and Black Troops if they attack it.

In Consequence of which he proposes Articles of Capitulation, such as, from your Situation, you have Reason to expect; wishing to convince the English, that it is only in War we look on you as Enemies; and being sent for this Purpose by Mons. Duchemin, General of the French Army, I sign these his first Proposals, according to the Power he has invested me with.

(Signed) *Le Vie. de Houdetot.*

N. B. The above is a Translation of a Copy from the Original.

Articles of Capitulation drawn up between his Excellency Mons. Pierre Duchemin, Marshal of the Camps and Army of the King of France, and Commandant of the Troops of his Majesty in India, on one Side; and Captain James Hughes, Commandant of the Garrison of Cuddalore, on the other.

THE Gates shall be delivered up To-morrow, the 4th of April, 1782, between the Hours of Eight and Nine in the Morning.

Agreed.

The French Flag shall be kept flying till that Time on the Ramparts, and all Hostilities shall be suspended; Captain Hughes giving his Word, that nothing shall go out of the Place, either by Land or Sea; and all that does go out shall be deemed an Infringement on the Articles of Capitulation, as it must either belong to the King or Company, since the Property of Officers and Inhabitants are insured to them.

Agreed.

The Garrison shall remain Prisoners of War; the European Officers and Troops shall be sent to Madras on their Parole, to be exchanged for the like Number and Rank of French Officers and Troops.

Agreed.

Private Property shall be secured; but all that belongs to the King and Company shall be given over with the utmost Exactness, and registred by the French Commissary sent for that Purpose; and the least Infidelity shall be deemed an Infringement on the Articles of Capitulation.

Agreed.

The Garrison shall march out with the Honors of War, and deposit their Arms on the Glacie, without being damaged.

Agreed.

The Garrison shall be provided with Provisions and a Passage by Sea to Madras, the Civil as well as the Military.

Agreed.

Those who do not choose to remain under the French Government will have Passports and Escorts to Madras; those that do shall, at the Expiration of Three Months, take Oaths of Allegiance to his Most Christian Majesty.

Agreed.

The Liberty of Religion is granted in full.

Agreed.

The Fort being delivered up, all private Property belonging to the English, whether within or without it, shall be secured to them.

Agreed.

The Whole is thoroughly understood, and agreed to, upon the strictest Honor.

April 3, 1782. Signed for the French General, Le Vicomte de Houdetot.

(Signed) *Duchemin.*

(Signed) *James Hughes, Captain Commandant of Cuddalore.*

N. B. The above is a Translation of a Copy from the Original Articles of Capitulation.

James Hughes, Captain Commandant.

On the 12th, I received Intelligence of the Enemy having commenced the Siege of Permacoli. And I find that Garrison capitulated on the 17th.

I had no Doubt of the Enemy's forming Designs upon Vandiwash: indeed my Intelligence