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**D**ISPATCHES from Colonel Stuart, of which the following are Copies, have been this Day received by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*Camp before Trincomalé in the Island of Ceylon,  
August 17, 1795.*

SIR,

**I**N obedience to the Orders and Instructions I received from the Government of Fort St. George, and Colonel Brathwaite commanding the King's and Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel, I have the Honor to acquaint you, for His Majesty's Information, by the Royal Admiral under Dispatch for Europe, that the Armament, with the Command of which I am entrusted, embarked the 30th Ultimo at Fort St. George on Board His Majesty's Ships of War upon that Station and the Transports taken up for the Purpose of conveying it to this Place.

The Fleet arrived in Back Bay, to the Northward of the Forts of Trincomalé and Oostnaburgh, on the 1st Instant; and as Commodore Rainier and I were particularly anxious that the Commandant of those Forts should not misapprehend the Object of the Armament under our Command, every Precaution was taken to prevent any Misapprehension upon that Head, by explaining to him the Nature of it; and Two Days were spent in Communications between the Fort and Fleet for that Purpose.

As the Commandant, however, did not think proper to accede to the Requisitions made, in the Name of the King, by the Commodore and me, and refused obeying the Commands of his Superior, Mr.

Van Angelbeck, (the Governor of Columbo) to deliver up the Fort of Oostnaburgh to a Detachment of His Majesty's Troops, on Account of an Informality in the Order, the Commodore agreeing with me in the Propriety of landing the Troops, they were disembarked on the 3d, about Four Miles to the Northward of the Fort of Trincomalé, without Opposition.

Neither the Garrison of Trincomalé or Oostnaburgh have hitherto given us any Molestation in the laborious Service, in which the Troops have been employed, of conveying Provisions, Ordnance and Stores, along a steep sandy Beach, from a Distance of Three Miles; nor has any Act of open Hostility taken Place.

We are still employed in the same Service, as well as in preparing Materials for the Construction of such Works as may be necessary to reduce the Forts; and if the Commandant perseveres in his Resolution to refuse us Admittance as Friends, I hope to have it in my Power to begin our Approaches against the Fort of Trincomalé Tomorrow Night.

I cannot too strongly express my Obligations to Commodore Rainier for the Readiness with which he has afforded every Assistance which could be given by the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under his Command, in conveying and landing the Troops, Stores and Provisions, and in every Part of the Service where his Aid and Co-operation could be of Use; and his Zeal has been ably seconded by the Exertions of the Officers and Seamen employed in carrying his Orders into Effect.

I have the Honor, &c.

J. STUART.

[ Price Four-pence Halfpenny. ]

*Camp near Trincomalé, August 30, 1795.*

S I R,

SOON after I had the Honor to address you on the 17th Instant, informing you of my Intention to begin our Approaches against the Fort of Trincomalé on the following Day, Circumstances occurred which induced Commodore Rainier and me to detain the Ships then under Dispatch, in the Hope of that Success which I have now the Honor to announce. We broke Ground on the Evening of the 18th, opened our Batteries on the 23d, and before Twelve o'Clock on Wednesday the 26th completed a practicable Breach. Commodore Rainier and I then thought proper to summon the Garrison to surrender, while Preparations were making for the Assault. Terms were demanded which could not be allowed, and such as we thought consistent were transmitted in Return: These not being accepted within a limited Time, our Fire recommenced, and in a few Minutes the White Flag was displayed on the Ramparts, the Conditions we had offered were accepted, signed, and transmitted to Camp, with Two Captains of the Garrison as Hostages for their Performance.

I have the Honor to inclose a Copy of the Capitulation offered to the Garrison and accepted by the Commandant, and of some explanatory Articles which were afterwards arranged, with a State of the Garrison, Return of Ordnance and Stores taken, and a List of the Killed and Wounded of the Forces under my Command.

This Evening the Prisoners taken here will embark for Madras. I shall immediately take up a convenient Position, and begin the necessary Preparations for the Attack of Fort Oostenburgh, the Commandant of that Garrison having refused to surrender when summoned on the 27th Instant; and I have Reason to hope that that Fort also will be very soon in our Possession.

His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Troops, forming the Force under my Command, have so uniformly distinguished themselves on every former Occasion, that I need only say their Zeal and Gallantry on the present Service has been well exerted to maintain the Reputation they have so justly acquired.

I am beyond Measure indebted to Commodore Rainier for his cordial Co-operations, and the active Assistance of the Navy in every Department of the Publick Service; and I have particular Pleasure in assuring you, that from the perfect Harmony subsisting between all Descriptions of the Naval and Land Forces employed here, every Thing may be expected from this Division of His Majesty's Troops, which is capable of being attained by their united Exertions.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J. STUART.

#### TERMS of CAPITULATION.

THE Garrison of Trincomalé, in Consideration of the Defence they have made, will be allowed to march out of the Fort with the Honours of War, Drums beating and Colours flying to the Glacis, where they will ground their Arms, and surrender themselves Prisoners of War; the Officers keeping

their Swords. Private Property will be secured to them; but all Public Property, Papers, Guns, Stores and Provisions of every Kind, must be delivered up, in their present Condition, to the Officers appointed by us to receive them.

The Garrison to march out, and the British Troops to be put in Possession of the Fort, in One Hour after this Capitulation is signed; and Two Officers of the Garrison of the Rank of Captain to be delivered immediately as Hostages for the Performance of this Agreement. These are the only Terms we the undersigned Officers, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Forces, can grant. Major Fornbauer, if he accepts the Conditions, will sign this Paper, and return it by the Officers he sends as Hostages, within Half an Hour from the Time he receives it.

Given under our Hands, in Camp before Trincomalé, this 26th Day of August, 1795.

(Signed) PETER RAINIER.  
J. STUART.

#### EXPLANATORY ARTICLES.

*CAPITULATION selon laquelle le Fort de Trincomalé sera rendu aux Troupes de Sa Majesté Britannique.*

##### Article I.

LE Garnison fortira Demain après Midi à quatre Heures par la Brèche, avec les Honneurs de la Guerre, Tambours battans, Drapeaux déployés; elle posera les Armes sur le Glacis de la Place. Tous les Officiers tant Européens qu'Indiens garderont leurs Armes.

Les Crés des Malys seront empaquetés dans une Caisse, pour leur être remis, au cas qu'ils soient renvoyés dans leur Patrie, comme étant leurs propres Armes qu'ils ne consentiront jamais de perdre.

Answer.—The Garrison shall march out at Sunset this Evening in the Manner demanded; but the Redoubt, the Cavalier on the Flank of the Breach, and the Zeeberg Bastion, must be immediately given up to the British Troops. The Creeffes of the Malys shall be disposed of in the Manner requested; and the whole Officers and Men shall be considered as Prisoners of War.

##### Article II.

Toute l'Ammunition et autres Effets de la Compagnie seront remis à ceux qui seront nommés de la Part des Chefs de Sa Majesté Britannique.

Answer.—Granted.

##### Article III.

Les Officiers Européens ne seront point envoyés contre leur Gré en Europe.

Answer.—Granted.

##### Article IV.

Les Biens tant de la Garnison que des Particuliers seront conservés à chacun.

Answer.—Granted.

##### Article V.

Il sera permis aux Employés Civils de la Compagnie de se retirer en un autre Endroit de l'Isle.

Answer.—It is not in the Power of the Officers commanding the British Forces to grant this Article.

Article



Article VI.

Les Malades et Blessés seront traités convenablement.

Answer.—Certainly.

Article VII.

La Garnison ne fera point sujetté à des Reprisaillies.

Answer.—Granted.

Le Commandant demande la Permission de pouvoir envoyer les Papiers relatifs au Siege au Gouvernement de l'Isle par un Employé civile de la Compagnie.

Copies of the Papers to be submitted to the British Commanders.

Fait au Fort de Trincomalé, à 26 Août, 1795.

(Signé) J. G. Fornbauer.

Signed, by Authority of  
Commodore Rainier  
and Colonel Stuart,  
P. A. Agnew,  
Dep. Adj. Gen.

State of the Garrison of Trincomalé.

Fit for Service.

Artillery—1 Lieutenant, 2 Ensigns, 1 Quarter-Master-Serjeant, 4 Bombardiers, 5 Gunners, 1 Cadet, and 17 Privates.

Troops—1 Major, 1 Town Major, 1 Garrison-Writer, 9 Captains, 2 Captain-Lieutenants, 12 Lieutenants, 13 Ensigns, 1 Cadet, 4 Quarter-Master-Serjeants, 45 Serjeants, 44 Corporals, 1 Surgeon, 1 Cadet, 24 Drummers and Fifers, and 489 Privates.

Total—1 Major, 1 Town-Major, 1 Garrison-Writer, 9 Captains, 2 Captain-Lieutenants, 13 Lieutenants, 15 Ensigns, 1 Cadet, 5 Quarter-Master-Serjeants, 4 Bombardiers, 45 Serjeants, 44 Corporals, 5 Gunners, 1 Surgeon, 2 Cadets, 24 Drummers and Fifers, and 506 Privates.

Sick and Wounded.

Artillery—1 Gunner, and 3 Privates,

Troops—1 Captain, 5 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 1 Surgeon, 1 Cadet, 1 Drummer and Fifer, and 69 Privates.

Total—1 Captain, 5 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 1 Gunner, 1 Surgeon, 1 Cadet, 1 Drummer and Fifer, and 69 Privates.

J. G. Fornbauer.

Trincomalé, August 27, 1795.

Abstract of the Ordnance taken in the Fort of Trincomalé.

BRASS ORDNANCE.

2 Twenty Pounders, 1 Eighteen Ditto, 1 Twelve Ditto, 2 Nine Ditto, 2 Six Ditto, 2 Four Ditto, 7 Three Ditto, 5 One Ditto, 1 Swivel, 2 Six-Inch Howitzers, 2 Five and Half Inch Ditto, 2 Four and Half Inch Ditto, 3 Twelve and Quarter Inch Mortars, 1 Eleven and Three-Quarter Inch Ditto, 1 Ten and Half Inch Ditto, 1 Eight-Inch Ditto, 2 Five and Half Inch Ditto, and 5 Four-Inch Ditto.

Total—37 serviceable, and 5 unserviceable.

IRON ORDNANCE.

2 Twenty-four Pounders, 3 Twenty Ditto, 22 Eighteen Ditto, 17 Twelve Ditto, 14 Nine Ditto, 3 Swivels and 4 Carronades.

Total—55 serviceable, and 10 unserviceable.

J. W. Dixon, Capt. Royal Artillery.

J. Glover, Lt. Com. Stores.

J. Quale, Lt. Royal Artillery.

C. Carlisle, Capt. Com. Artillery.

General Return of Killed and Wounded of the Troops under the Command of Colonel Stuart, during the Siege of Trincomalé, August, 1795.

HIS MAJESTY'S TROOPS.

Royal Artillery.—1 Bombardier and 3 Gunners killed; 2 Gunners wounded.

Flank Companies of His Majesty's 71st and 73d Regiments.—1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, and 6 Rank and File wounded.

His Majesty's 72d Regiment.—1 Ensign, 2 Serjeants, and 7 Rank and File wounded.

Royal Navy.—1 Seaman killed; 2 Seamen wounded.

THE HONORABLE COMPANY'S TROOPS.

Staff.—Major Smart, Deputy Quarter-Master-General, wounded.

Madrass Artillery.—3 Matrosses and 6 Lascars killed; 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, 10 Matrosses, 1 Syrang, and 8 Lascars wounded.

1st Battalion of Native Infantry.—1 Sepoy killed and 6 wounded.

23d Ditto.—1 Sepoy wounded.

Corps of Pioneers.—2 Sepoys wounded.

Total.—1 Bombardier, 3 Gunners, 3 Matrosses, 1 Seaman, 1 Sepoy, and 6 Lascars, killed; 1 Major, 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 4 Serjeants, 1 Corporal, 2 Gunners, 10 Matrosses, 13 Privates, and 2 Seamen (Europeans), 1 Syrang, 9 Sepoys, and 8 Lascars (Natives) wounded.

Officers wounded.

Major Smart, Deputy-Quarter-Master General.

Captain Gorry, of His Majesty's 71st Regiment.

Lieutenant Precot, of the Madrass Artillery.

Ensign Benson, of His Majesty's 72d Regiment.

P. A. Agnew, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Camp near Trincomalé, August 30, 1795.

Camp at Trincomalé, August 31, 1795.

S I R,

AFTER closing my Dispatch of Yesterday an Officer was sent to me by the Commandant of Fort Ootkenburgh, requesting that I would permit an Officer to meet him this Morning for the Purpose of opening a Negotiation for the Surrender of the Fort. I accordingly sent Major Agnew, the Adjutant-General of the Forces under my Command, and have the Satisfaction to inform you that the Garrison this Day surrendered themselves Prisoners of War, and that a Detachment of His Majesty's Troops took Possession of the Fort, and the British Colours were hoisted in it before Sun-set.

I have the Honor to inclose the Articles of Capitulation, but have it not at present in my Power to transmit the several Returns which will be necessary,

as Commodore Rainier and I do not think it proper to detain the Indiamen any longer, particularly as the Commodore proposes recommending to the Government of Madras to dispatch the John Schooner in a few Days to Europe, as a more expeditious Conveyance.

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect, &c.  
J. STUART.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas,  
Sec. Sec. &c.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION for the Surrender of Fort Oostenburgh.

LE Commandant du Fort d'Oostenburgh rend le dit Fort à Sa Majesté Britannique, sous les Conditions suivantes :

Article I.

La Garnison du Fort d'Oostenburgh, se rend Prisonniers de Guerre: Les Officiers garderont leurs Epées.

Answer.—Granted.

Article II.

Le Capitaine Weermann et le Lieutenant Zelman, Ingénieur, demandent la Permission de rester ici, pour arranger leurs Affaires et celles des Officiers.

Answer.—These Officers will be permitted to remain a reasonable Time for the Arrangement of their Affairs.

Articles III.

Les Propriétés des Officiers et Soldats seront assuré.

Answer.—Granted.

Article IV.

Les Soldats seront Prisonniers de Guerre, et délivrés pour être transportés; ils ne seront pas forcés pour prendre Service; et ceux qui ne voudront pas s'engager seront transporté en Europe au Temps convenable.

Answer.—Granted.

Article V.

Les Malays seront bien traités, et ne seront pas forcés de prendre Service, ni comme Militaires ni comme Matelots.

Answer.—Granted.

Article VI.

Le Magasinier, son Assitant, et le Secrétaire, demandent la Permission de rester ici, pour arranger leurs Affaires.

Answer.—These Gentlemen will be allowed a reasonable Time for the Arrangement of their Affairs, but are to be considered as Prisoners of War.

Article VII.

Tous les Articles de la Capitulation de Trincomalé, quoique pas contenus dans celle-ci, seront étendus aussi sur la Garnison d'Oostenburgh autant convenable.

Answer.—Granted.

Article VIII.

A Quatre Heures cet après Midi la Garnison marchera dehors, Tambours battant, et mettra bas les Armes.

Answer.—The Garrison will march out at Four o'Clock this Afternoon, in the Manner required by this Article; but a Detachment of the British Army must be put in Possession of the Water Pass Gate at Two o'Clock this Afternoon, and proper Persons will be appointed by Captain Hoffman to point out the Magazines, &c. that Guards may be posted for their Security.

Article IX.

Tous les Munitions, les Magazines, Papiers, e Propriétés Publiques seront délivrés au Commissaire nommé de la Part de Sa Majesté Britannique.

Fort D'Oostenburgh, ce 31 Août, 1795.

(Signé) G. Hoffmann,  
Com.

Signed by Authority of  
Commodore Rainier  
and Colonel Stuart,

(Signed) P. A. Agnew,  
Dep. Adj. Gen