

Camp near Trincomalé, August 30, 1795.

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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 Cresces 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.

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