

*Light Infantry Company.*

John Francis Hutchinson, Esq; to be Captain.  
Henry Blake, Esq; to be First Lieutenant.  
Richard Trench, Esq; to be Second Lieutenant.

*Cavalry, First Troop.*

Marcus B. Lynch, Esq; to be Captain.  
Robert Martin, Esq; to be First Lieutenant.  
Richard Butler, Esq; to be Second Lieutenant.

*Parliament-Street, November 29, 1796.*

A Dispatch from the Governor and Council of Madras, dated Fort St. George, June 22, 1796, of which the following is a Copy, has been received by the Court of Directors of the East India Company, and by them communicated to the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Honorable Sirs,

WE have particular Satisfaction in offering to you our sincere Congratulations on the complete Success which has attended the Operations of Rear-Admiral Rainier in the Eastern Seas; and judging that an early Communication of this Event might be of material Use to His Majesty's Ministers, we have determined to forward this Letter by the Route of Bufforah.

It appears by the Rear-Admiral's Dispatches, dated the 27th of March and 11th of April last, and which reached us on the 18th Instant, by the Orpheus Frigate, that the British Troops were in Possession of the Islands of Amboyna and Banda, with their several Dependencies, comprizing, as it was thought, the Whole of the Dutch Islands, excepting Fornaté, yielding Cloves, Nutmegs and Mace. This Acquisition has been attained without the smallest Loss on our Side.

Amboyna and it's Dependencies were delivered up on the 16th of February, and Banda and it's Dependencies on the 8th of March. Copies of the Capitulations are inclosed.

The Admiral speaks in the handsomest Manner of the Activity and Alacrity with which every Duty was performed by the Forces under his Command, both Naval and Military; and dwells particularly on the perfect Harmony which all along subsisted between the Officers and Men in both Services. It behoves us on this Occasion to convey to you the high Sense we entertain of the able and spirited Conduct displayed by Rear-Admiral Rainier, whose hearty Cooperation with us in every Measure conducive to the Public Weal demands our warmest Acknowledgements; and whilst we feel assured of your entire Approbation of all the Means employed by this Government, to give Effect to the Arrangements framed by His Majesty's Ministers for securing the Dutch Settlements in India, it is, nevertheless, incumbent upon us to declare, that the Accomplishment of this great Object has been chiefly obtained by the zealous and cheerful Support which we have had the good Fortune to experience from the Officer entrusted with the Execution of it.

We shall do ourselves the Honor of transmitting, by the first Sea Conveyance, Copies of all the Papers received from the Admiral, which will enable you to form an accurate Opinion of the Value of those Islands. At present we can only give you a Summary of his Proceedings.

The Admiral found in the Treasury at Amboyna 81,112 Rix Dollars, and in Store 515,940 Pounds Weight of Cloves; in the Treasury at Banda 66,675 Rix Dollars, and in Store 84,777 Pounds of Nutmegs, 19,587 Pounds of Mace, besides Merchandize and other Stores at each Place, upon which no Value had been then put.

We are preparing to send a Reinforcement of Troops for the better Protection of those valuable Islands; and, as the Admiral has advised us that he is short of Provisions, and in Want of a Supply of Naval and Military Stores, it is our Intention to forward an adequate Stock of every necessary Article.

We have great Pleasure in acquainting you, that the Company's Possessions on this Coast are in a State of perfect Tranquillity; and that we have no Reason to believe that any Designs are in Agitation by the Native Powers hostile to your Interests.

We have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) HOBART.  
ALURED CLARKE.  
EDW. SAUNDERS.  
C. W. FALLOFIELD.

*CAPITULATION of AMBOYNA, translated from the Original in Dutch, February 16, 1796.*

NOT finding ourselves equal to withstand the great Force with which we have been surprized, we the undersigned Governor and Council do hereby give up this Settlement, with all it's Dependencies, and place the same under the Protection of His Britannic Majesty, upon the Conditions mentioned to us in the Letter of the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras; that is, upon Condition that we may keep all our private Property, and be allowed a reasonable Subsistence, that the Inhabitants be guarantied in the secure Possession of their private Properties, and that the Senior and Junior Servants of the Civil Establishment, the Clergy, the Military, and Marine receive their usual Pay.

It is upon the above Conditions at we shall, Tomorrow Morning, give over all the Guards of the Fort to the Troops of His Britannic Majesty, after receiving the Ratification of this Instrument by His Excellency the Commodore.

Done at Amboyna, in the Castle of Victoria, on the above Date,

(Signed) A. Cornabé.  
B. Smiffart.  
F. Ostrowski.  
Eneas Mackay.  
Eron Fyzabad.

(Dutch Co.)  
(Seal.)

Approved of and acceded to,  
(Signed) P. Rainier,

(English)  
(Seal)

W. C. Lennon, Secretary.

*CAPITULATION agreed upon between His Excellency Peter Rainier, Esq; Commodore, commanding the Sea and Land Forces of His Britannic Majesty in these Seas, and F. Van Boeckholtz, Governor of Banda, &c. &c.*

IN Consideration of our great Want of Provisions, and the great Force with which the British have appeared before this Settlement, and to resist which would