

was fired until they reached the Breastwork of the Battery. Such a Testimony of their Valour and Conduct, while highly honourable to the Royal Marines and Troops, must reflect more than ordinary Credit upon the Seamen.

The Capitulation of the Town has prevented the further Necessity of the Troops and Seamen displaying that Valour and Steadiness which had been conspicuous in every Part of their Conduct throughout this Service, and which their undiminished Ardour gave every Reason to conclude, would have been attended with similar Success, although opposed to the more formidable Defences of Battameera and Gillala.

I have herewith the Honour to enclose a Return of Ordnance mounted on the Castle of Victoria, and on the several Batteries to the Right and Left thereof. The Return of Stores is too voluminous to enable me at present to transmit you.

(Signed) M. H. COURT, Captain commanding the Troops employed on the Expedition to the Eastward.

Fort Victoria, 27th February 1810.

To L'Héikelugt, Esq; Governor of the Moluccas at SIR, Amboyna.

THE very decided Advantages already gained by the British Forces, in having now the complete Possession of Four of your principal Batteries, with a great Force, an abundant Supply of Ammunition and Provisions, and a Situation from which I can destroy your Town and Fort, Motives of Humanity induce me to wish to spare the Effusion of Blood, and Destruction of private Property, that must ensue in the Event of a regular Siege.

I therefore demand that you surrender the Island of Amboyna to the Forces of His Britannic Majesty under my Command, and entreat you to surrender it without Delay.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD TUCKER.

His Britannic Majesty's Ship Dover, off Fort Victoria, February 17, 1810.

J. P. F. Filtz, Colonel Adjutant-General and Commander in Chief at the Moluccas, to Edward Tucker, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Dover, and commanding the British Forces at present in the Roads of Amboyna.

SIR,

THE Concurrence of unfavourable Events, added to the Infidelity and treacherous Conduct of the Amboynese Inhabitants, who in return for the Benefits so lately bestowed upon them, nevertheless exhibit a determined Enmity to the Dutch Nation, induce me, to prevent other Distresses, and the further Effusion of Blood, (although not yet deprived of all further Means of Defence) to avail myself of the Advantage which a Capitulation affords. I have therefore the Honour to annex the accompanying Articles of Capitulation, in the Confidence that they will be considered conformable to the Sentiments of a military Heart, and will be accordingly agreed to. In that hope,

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. P. F. FILTZ.

Amboyna, in the Castle New Victoria, 17th February 1810.

ARTICLES proposed by Jean Philippe Francis Filtz, Colonel Adjutant-General to His Excellency the Marshal and Governor-General Daendels, and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the King of Holland employed at the Moluccas, for the Surrender of the Island of Amboyna to His Britannic Majesty's Forces now before the Place.

Art. I. THE Garrison of Amboyna to march out with all Military Honours, with Field-Pieces loaded, Matches lighted, and Colours flying.

The Officers to retain their Swords, and to be subsisted up to the Day of their Departure.

On quitting the Castle of Amboyna, the Officers and Soldiers are to be accommodated with Habitations at the Expence of the British Government, and their Rations are to be continued to them, until the setting in of the Eastern Monsoon, when they are to be conveyed to the Island of Java, at the Expence of the British Government.

The Javanese and Madurese are to be permitted at their Departure to have their Creeses returned to them.

Such Officers, and others who may be established on the Island, shall not be required to quit it, giving their Parole of Honour not to serve against the British Government during the present War.

Answer—Granted. The Troops laying down their Arms on the Esplanade.

Art. II. All Persons in civil Employ shall be permitted to return to the Island of Java, at the Expence of the British Government, or at their own Desire with their own Expence.

Answer—Granted.

Art. III. The English Government insures Security to all Persons during their Residence on the Island.

Answer—Granted.

Art. IV. The Garrison and civil Servants shall be paid their Allowances respectively up to the Day of their Surrender.

Answer—Granted.

Art. V. The private Property of every Person, civil, military, or Inhabitants, shall be freely and securely protected by the British Government, and which, on their Departure from the Island, they shall be permitted to carry with them.

Answer—Granted.

Art. VI. The Paper Money at present in Circulation shall bear the same Value as hitherto it has borne.

Answer—Granted.

Art. VII. The Money and Effects of Colleges of Orphans, the Yacouse Poor, Church and Lepers, and others of the same Description, shall be secured to them, and the Money due by the Dutch Government to them shall be paid from the Treasury Chest.

Answer—The Property of the several Colleges shall be protected. All claims on the Dutch Government shall be attended to.

Art. VIII. In like Manner the Loans and Assignations of the several Servants and Inhabitants to the Dutch Government, amounting to the Sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars, shall be paid out of the Treasury Chest, otherwise several Individuals will become destitute and ruined.

Answer—The well-known Liberality of the British Character shall not be forfeited on this Occasion, the

