

truly the accompanying detailed Account of the gallant and judicious Proceedings of Captain Edward Tucker, of His Majesty's Ship the *Dover*, whose great Exertions for the perfect Security of the Moluccas, (by possessing himself of Ternate, one of the strongest Islands in the Molucca Seas, which he accomplished in the most gallant Manner,) and every Dependency on the Celebes, the Resources of which he has turned to the Supply of the Moluccas, claim my highest Commendation.

*His Majesty's Ship Dover, at Sea, off
Gorontello, June 16, 1810.*

SIR,

IN prosecution of Your Excellency's Orders to distress the Enemy as much as possible in the Molucca Sea, I beg Leave to inform you that, after having sent all the Dutch Officers and Troops from Amboyna to Java, I proceeded to the Dutch Port of Gorontello, in the Bay of Tommine, on the North-East Part of the Island of Celebes, where I found the Colours of the King of Holland flying on the Fort, and on the Three Batteries at the Entrance of the Harbour.

Finding, however, that no Dutch Officer had Charge of these Posts, but that the whole Settlement was vested in the Hands of the Sultan and his Two Sons (who bore Dutch Commissions) for the Dutch Company, I therefore, instead of making a Descent, landed and waited upon His Majesty, to whom I addressed the Letter, a Copy of which I have the Honour to inclose.

The Proposals contained in this Letter having been duly considered by His Majesty and the Nobles in Council, were acceded to with much Satisfaction: The Dutch Colours were hauled down, and the British supplied their Place in Fort Nassau, under every Demonstration of their Attachment to the English Government.

Having thus opened a large Proportion of this Part of the Celebes to the English Trade, from whence also various Kinds of Supplies can be constantly thrown into our Possessions in the Moluccas, it is my Intention to proceed to Manado, where there is a very good Fort with a heavy Battery in front close to the Sea, and the Fort again commanded by a Battery on a Hill immediately over it, and from whence Musketry can play into the Fort; but as the Ship can be brought to bear on the latter and lower Battery, and Sixty picked Men under Lieutenants Incedon and Higginson are ready to storm the Battery on the Hill, I have no Doubt but the Attack will be successful.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD TUCKER.

*Rear Admiral Drury, Commander in
Chief of His Majesty's Ships and
Vessels in the East Indies.*

*His Majesty's Ship Dover, Manado
Roads, June 23, 1810.*

SIR,

CONFORMABLY to my Intentions as expressed in a former Letter to Your Excellency, dated the 16th instant, off Gorontello, I proceeded to Manado, where I arrived Yesterday at Two P. M., and having taken up a Station in His Majesty's Ship under my Command, to the Right of Fort Amsterdam, and well reconnoitred their other Positions, I instantly

sent a Flag of Truce on shore, with a Summons to the Governor, a Copy of which I herewith inclose.

The Enemy having thought proper to accede to the Terms proposed, the Marines were landed under the Command of Lieutenant Higginson, assisted by Lieutenant Fireworker Nelson, of the Honourable Company's Coast Artillery, and Thirty of the Amboynese Troops, embarked in the *Dover*, for the Purpose of garrisoning it, after its Capture, who immediately took Possession for His Majesty.

Had the Enemy chosen the other Alternative, I am well convinced from the Experience I have repeatedly had, that the Officers and Men I have the Honour to command would have added to the Credit which they have already so well earned, particularly in the Attack on Amboyna.

The Dependencies which have fallen with Manado are very extensive, being the Ports of Kemar, Le Copang, Amerang, and Tawangwoo; the Capture thereof, as well as Gorontello, has been very opportune, as large Supplies were preparing at all these Places, and ready to be shipped for the Isles of Ternate and Banda.

I have the Honour to transmit Returns of the Garrison found here, and of the Ordnance in Fort Amsterdam, and the adjacent Batteries.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

EDWARD TUCKER.

*Rear Admiral Drury, Commander in
Chief of His Majesty's Ships and
Vessels, in the East Indies.*

To Marinus Balfour Esq; Present at Manado.

SIR,

IT has, no doubt, ere this, been made known to you, that the English are in considerable Force in these Seas, and that the Island of Amboyna, with all its Dependencies, are already in their Possession.

You now see, before your Fort and Batteries, an English Frigate; ready to open her Fire, and Volunteers in her Boats, only waiting the Order to land, and storm your Position. It remains for you to decide on this Point.

Being perfectly acquainted with the exact Strength of your Garrison, and all your Means of Defence, I am enabled to judge with what Probability of Success you can oppose me.

I therefore summon you to surrender the Fort of Amsterdam, with all the Dependencies thereunto belonging.

On condition of your instantly complying and delivering up all Public Property, I promise Protection to the Persons and Private Property of the Inhabitants; that the Dutch Civil Servants shall be at Liberty to return to Java. The Military, being Prisoners of War, may likewise return there, on their Parole of Honour.

The Officer in charge of this has Instructions to wait Half an Hour for your Determination, which, should it be in the Affirmative, be pleased to notify by striking the Colours of the Fort; if in the Negative, by hauling down the Flag of Truce.

I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) EDWARD TUCKER.

*His Britannic Majesty's Ship Dover,
off Castle Amsterdani, Manado,
June 24, 1810.*