

Return of the Garrison found in Fort Amsterdam, Manado, June 24, 1810.

1 Captain Commandant, 3 Lieutenants, 3 Serjeants,
1 Bombardier, 13 Corporals, 1 Fifer, 1 Drum-
mer, 79 Privates, 1 Boatswain, 10 Foremastmen.
Total, including Officers—113.
(Signed) EDWARD TUCKER.

Return of Ordnance found at Manado, June 24, 1810.

1 Brass Six-Pounder, 4 ditto One-Pounders, 5 ditto
Half-Pounders.
3 Iron Twelve-Pounders, 5 ditto Eight-Pounders,
9 ditto Six-Pounders, 6 ditto Four-Pounders, 3
ditto Two-Pounders, 14 ditto One-Pounders.
Total—50 Guns.
(Signed) EDWARD TUCKER.

*His Majesty's Ship Dover, in Ternate
Harbour, August 31, 1810.*

SIR,
I HAVE much Satisfaction in communicating to
Your Excellency the Conquest of the Island of Ter-
nate, by His Majesty's Ship Dover under my Com-
mand, and a Detachment of the Honourable Com-
pany's Troops from Amboyna, under the Command of
Captain Forbes of the Madras European Regiment.
The Detail of this Affair, (which I am in hopes
Your Excellency will deem very creditable to the
Officers and Men employed) I have the Honour to
transmit.

Having made Application by Letter, dated the
21st August, to Captain Court commanding at Am-
boyna, for One Hundred Troops to assist me in re-
ducing the Island of Ternate, they were on the same
Day embarked on board His Majesty's Ship Dover.
We pushed to Sea, and got sight of the Island on
the 25th, but, owing to light Airs and Calms, it was
not until the Morning of the 28th, that the Party
(as per Margin*) were embarked in the Boats, and
effected a Landing.

The Boats left the Ship about One A. M. on the
Morning of the 28th, under the Direction of Lieu-
tenant Jefferies, with the Intention of landing close
under the Walls of Fort Kayo Meirah, which was
immediately to have been stormed, Double Scaling
Ladders and Planks having been prepared for cross-
ing the Ditch and mounting the Works; but,
meeting unexpectedly in shore an unfavourable Cur-
rent, their Progress was but slow, and they had at
Day-light the Mortification to find themselves at some
Distance from Fort Kayo Meirah. Captain Forbes,
under this Circumstance, did not hesitate a Moment
in directing a Landing to be attempted to the South-
ward and Westward of the Fort, out of the Line of
its Fire, which was happily made good, without
Annoyance from the Enemy; but their Difficulties,
accompanied with great Labour and Fatigue, com-
menced, for the Particulars whereof, and their fur-
ther Operations, so extremely reputable to them;
I beg to refer Your Excellency to Captain Forbes's
Report to me that I have the Honour to forward;
from which Your Excellency will perceive that great
Judgment and Resolution, with the most determined
Courage, has been displayed, and particularly so by
every Officer under the heavy Fire from Fort Kayo

* Europeans of the Coast Artillery, and Madras European
Regiment, 74; Natives from Amboyna Corps, 32; Ro-
manes, 36; Seamen, 3.—Total, including Officers, 174.

Meirah and the Enemy's Detachment with its Bri-
gade of Guns, that were in Advance.

These Officers constantly headed and led on their
Men with the utmost Gallantry, shewing an Ex-
ample of Intrepidity impossible to be excelled.

The Calm that intervened between the Land and
Sea Breezes on the Morning and Forenoon of the
28th, prevented the Ship closing until Two P. M.,
when, learning exactly the Situation of the Troops,
I hoisted a Flag of Truce, and summoned the Go-
vernor to surrender the Island, which being declined,
with a Declaration of defending it as long as possible,
I communicated the same to Captain Forbes by Let-
ter, acquainting him at the same Time with my De-
termination to place the Ship alongside Fort Kayo
Meirah as early as possible in the Morning (it being
at that Time past Sun-set). But the ardent Zeal of
Captain Forbes could not brook the Delay; he had
already selected One Hundred Men, equally from
his own Regiment, the Seamen, Marines, and Am-
boynese Troops, with whom he instantly advanced,
and carried the Fort in that gallant and determined
Manner as stated in his Report.

The Currents and Wind during the Night were
more unfavourable than could possibly be expected,
nor was there Ground for anchoring: so that it was
a Quarter past Two P. M. on the 29th, before
Lieutenant Jefferies with the Seamen that had landed,
and Lieutenant Higginson, with a few of the Marines
(whose Assistance was absolutely required), could
be got on board, and the Ship brought against
Kota Barro, the First Battery, mounting as per
Margin†, next to Fort Kayo Meirah. Having closed
to Pistol Shot, and a well directed Fire kept up,
principally Grape and Canister, it was shortly
silenced, but, upon standing on to the next Battery,
(Ordnance as per Margin †) by which we opened a
Third Battery of similar Force, and also the Sea-
Face of Fort Orange, it was observed the Enemy
had again entered the Battery of Kota Barro, and
opened their Fire upon us. We were now exposed
to a heavy cross Fire from these Three Batteries,
and from Fort Orange. I therefore regained our
former Position off Kota Barro, with the Intention
of, when again silencing it, to land a Party and spike
the Guns, for which Service Lieutenant Higginson,
Royal Marines, and Mr. Green the Gunner, had
most readily volunteered. The Battery was soon a
Second Time silenced, when we perceived some of
our Troops in sharp Contest with a numerous Body
of the Enemy, at but a short Distance from it,
which was shortly after entered by Lieutenant
Curlisham and his Party, they having, in a most su-
perior Style, defeated all that were opposed to them.
Such Guns of this Battery as could be brought to
bear on the remaining Batteries and Fort were in-
stantly turned on them, and a good Fire kept up.

On Kota Barro being taken possession of, the Ship
was immediately after brought to pretty close Action
with the Second and Third Batteries mentioned be-
fore, and also with Fort Orange; after an Hour and
Three Quarters sharp firing, during which Time

* Kota Barro—2 Iron Eighteen-Pounders, 2 ditto Twelve-
Pounders, 1 ditto Eight-Pounder, 3 ditto One-Pounder.
Total—8 of all Sizes.

† 1st Strand Battery—1 Iron Eighteen-Pounder, and 4
ditto Twelve-Pounders.
Total—5 of all Sizes.

