

to bring the contest to as speedy a conclusion as possible, hoping that I would not diminish any part of the British force by my departure.

Upon these suggestions I waved my first intention of quitting the station, and prepared for immediately proceeding to Sourabaya.

In pursuance of my former arrangement, the *Nisus*, *President*, *Phœbe*, and *Hesper* (sloop), sailed on the 31st of August to Cheribon, for the purpose of intercepting the enemy's retreat from Meester Cornelius to the eastward. As no troops were ready for embarkation, I relied upon the marines of these ships (to which the party of His Majesty's ship *Lion* was added) for performing this service, and they fully answered my expectation. Captain *Beaver*, of His Majesty's ship *Nisus*, having summoned the place to surrender, took possession of it without opposition; Captain *Warren*, the bearer of the summons, having hoisted the British flag, received information that the Commander in Chief of the French troops (General *Jamelle*) had just arrived, and was changing horses to proceed to the eastward. Captain *Warren*, with his gig's crew, immediately made him his prisoner, and secured him; many other officers and privates were also made prisoners, as their Lordships will observe by Captain *Beaver*'s report to me of his proceedings, with Captain *Hillyar*'s account of the surrender of *Taggall*, both forwarded by this opportunity. The services performed by these ships were of the greatest importance to the ultimate result of the campaign.

On the 4th September, I detached Commodore *Broughton*, in the *Illustrious*, with the *Minden*, *Lion*, and *Leda*, to rendezvous off the entrance of *Gressie*: on board these ships were embarked the 14th and part of the 78th regiments of foot, with field-pieces. The *Moderate* sailed on the 5th with Lieutenant-General *Sir Samuel Auchmuty*, and I sailed in the *Scipion* on the 6th, having on board two companies of artillery, and four field-pieces. The transports, with the remainder of the troops, were directed to sail as soon as they were ready.

On the 8th September I received a dispatch from *Sir Samuel Auchmuty*, acquainting me that he had received information of General *Jansens* intention of assembling his forces and making a stand at *Samarang*, and requesting I would proceed there, and collect as many troops as possible. Measures for this purpose were accordingly taken. On the 9th I anchored off *Samarang*, and on the 10th was joined by Commodore *Broughton*, with the ships under his orders, and some few transports. On the same day the General, in conjunction with me, sent a summons to General *Jansens*, which was rejected. On that night, I directed the armed boats of the squadron to take or destroy several of the enemy's gun-boats, lying in shore, with French colours: this service was completely executed under the direction of Captain *Maunse*!!, acting Captain of the *Illustrious*.

The General being in possession of a plan of the town of *Samarang*, which marked it as strongly fortified, and being unacquainted with the number of the enemy's troops, did not think it advisable to land the nine hundred troops which were collected, but waited for re-inforcements from *Batavia*;

nothing was, therefore, attempted until the 12th, when, having learned that the enemy had quitted the town of *Samarang*, and retired into the interior, a party of troops was landed and took possession of the town without opposition. On the 13th the whole of the troops were landed, which now amounted to fifteen hundred men, preparatory to an attack upon the enemy's position, on an eminence about seven miles from *Samarang*, where some guns were placed, and a work hastily thrown up.

Concluding that the final retreat of the enemy would be towards *Sourabaya*, I represented to the General the necessity of being before hand with the enemy, and immediately occupying that post: I accordingly sailed for this purpose on the 15th, with the *Scipion*, *Lion*, *Nisus*, *President*, *Phœbe*, and *Harpy*, (the four last having joined me on the 14th): I intended to collect on my passage such transports, with troops, as had proceeded under the original intention of going to *Sourabaya*, and had not received the counter order to go to *Samarang*.

On the 17th I anchored with the squadron, off the town of *Ledayo*, on the *Java* shore, leading to *Gressie*, and was joined by three transports, having two hundred effective *Sepoys*, and fifty European cavalry, to these were added the marines of the squadron, making a force of nearly four hundred and fifty men.

On the 18th, Captain *Harris*, of His Majesty's ship *Sir Francis Drake*, came on board the *Scipion* from the island of *Madura*. For the previous proceedings of this meritorious officer, whom I had detached from *Batavia* on the 12th of August, to take possession of the French fortress at *Samanap*, in which he was eminently successful, and for his subsequent master-stroke of policy, in drawing the Sultan of *Madura* from the French alliance, and attaching him to the British interests, I beg leave to refer their Lordships to my letter, containing Captain *Harris*'s report of his proceedings, and the able and spirited assistance he received from Captain *Pellew*, of His Majesty's ship *Phaeton*.

As there was no field officer of the army with me, I directed Captain *Harris* to take command of the troops which were landed on the 19th, and to march to *Gressie*. On the 20th, the place was in our possession, some parties of the enemy with guns having been put to flight.

On the approach of the troops to *Sourabaya* on the 22d, articles of capitulation were agreed upon between Captain *Harris* and the Commandant (a Colonel in the French service), for the surrender of the place. When these terms were on the point of being signed, intelligence was received of the capitulation for the surrender of *Java* and its dependencies having been concluded on the 18th; *Sourabaya* was therefore taken possession of, and fell under the general terms of the capitulation.

The General's letter having nearly at the same time reached me, I sent an officer to take possession of *Fort Ludowick*, a place of great strength towards the sea, and completely defending the northern entrance towards *Gressie*. The fort was in excellent order, containing ninety-eight pieces of heavy cannon, chiefly brass. I had, however, previously marked out the ground for erecting a mortar