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Whitehall, October 26, 1754.

Letters from Fort St. George, in the East Indies, dated the 9th of March last, by the Ship Durrington, lately arrived, have brought the following Advices.

ON the 28th of November 1753, the French made an Attempt to take Tritchenopoly (by Surprize) a strong Place belonging to the Nabob, in which was a Garrison commanded by Capt. Kilpatrick: They made the Attack about Four o'Clock that Morning with 800 Europeans. Their Black Forces were to make several false Attacks on different Parts of the Town: By the Darknes of the Night, and the Carelessness of a Guard, they got over the Ditch, fixed their Ladders, and 600 of them, without firing a Shot, got Possession of a Battery on the outward Wall called Dalton's Battery. By this Time an accidental Shot or two alarmed the Garrison, who immediately repaired to their Posts, and attacked the Party on the Battery, who defended themselves till Day-light, and made several Attempts to scale the inward Wall and petard the Gate, but were kept off by the Garrison. By Day-break, those that did not chuse to venture their Necks by jumping off of the Battery to save themselves, called out for Quarter, which was given them. There were taken on the Battery 297 Europeans Prisoners, besides 65 wounded, and 42 killed in the Ditch, and nine Officers; the rest of their Loss was not known, but it was believed must have been pretty considerable. In this Action the Garrison had scarce any Loss.

From the Time of the beforementioned Action, until the Middle of February following, nothing material happened, when Colonel Lawrence, who was then encamped near Tritchenopoly, was obliged, according to Custom, to send a Party to escort Provisions to the Camp, consisting of 230 Europeans, Eight Officers, about 500 Seapoys, and Four Pieces of Can-

non. They marched on the 12th of February, and in their Return upon the 15th were attacked by a Party of the Enemy, consisting of 120 French, two Companies of Foreigners, the French Troop of 100 Men, 1000 Topasses, 6000 Seapoys, all their Black Cavalry, in Number about 8000, and seven Pieces of Cannon. This Detachment moved in the Night, and came up with Colonel Lawrence's detached Party by Break of Day, as they were on their March. What Men could do, they did; but the Commanding Officer, unfortunately afraid of losing his Baggage, divided his Force to save it; upon which the Enemy fell in amongst them, and although they paid dearly for it, killed or took Prisoners almost the whole Party.

The Governor and Council of Fort St. George, on receiving Advice of this Action, dispatched two Vessels with Troops on board for Fort St. David, to join Colonel Lawrence, where they arrived about the Middle of March last; and the Colonel advises, that his Men were in good Spirits, and only wished for an Opportunity to repair this Slip of their Countrymen.

Those two Vessels were convoyed to Fort St. David by the Durrington lately arrived in England; and the Company have received no Advices of a later Date than the Time of that Ship's Departure from India, which was about the Middle of March.

Constantinople, Sept. 16. On the 2d Instant, about Ten o'Clock at Night, we had a violent Shock of an Earthquake, which lasted about a Minute; tho' in other Parts, it was thought longer. Its Direction was from the East: The Night was calm, and clear Moon Light. It has done considerable Damage. The famous Mosche of Sultan Mehemet, the first built in this City on the Conquest, has lost several of its Cupolas. Seven Minarets or Steeples were thrown down, by which other Mosches and Houses have suffer'd. Two of the seven Towers, with some of the Wall, are greatly damaged;

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