

Putney Hill, between that and Ponnolla Melia: The advanced Party under Captain Whippey immediately attacked, stormed and took the former, without the Loss of a Man on our Side: The main Body immediately pushed for the Camp of the Enemy, and came upon them just at Break of Day, whom they fell on, and immediately put to the Route; when they followed them to the Southward as far as Currachee, a small Fort about One Mile to the Northward of Mihie River; This Post they presently carried, and turned its Guns upon the Enemy, who were making the best of their Way towards the River. Saudos Cawn, who made this Post his Head Quarters, quitted and got to a fortified House, and enclosed within Walls, cut out of a Hill, where he, with several of his People, made an oblique Defence; but at last the Roof of the House was set on Fire, which obliged them to quit it, when many were killed endeavouring to make their Escape. Saudos Cawn had secreted himself in Part of the Enclosure, which was Bomb Proof, cut into the Hill, where he and his Family were found; himself had been wounded by a Musquet Ball in the Ankle, and was not able to move. They were all immediately seized, and sent in Prisoners to Telli-chelly, with about 1500 Prisoners which had been made during the Morning. There was about 400 of the Enemy killed and drowned. On our Side there was not above 50 killed and wounded, and only One of our Officers hurt, which was Lieutenant Woodington. We took Six Brass Field Pieces, about Sixty Iron Cannon, and Four Mortars, Thirteen Elephants, and a large Quantity of Shot, Powder, Stores, &c. in their Redoubts and Batteries.

The same Evening, about Seven o'Clock, Lieutenant Hodges was sent with a strong Detachment against Fort George, which the Enemy getting Intelligence of, they evacuated the Fort, and he took quiet Possession of it. About Two o'Clock in the Morning a Body was sent over and took Possession of Mihie; and another Party, under Captain Whippey, went over and took Possession of Durmapatam, which Island they found deserted by the Enemy. In short, there is not a Man of Hyder's left between Cotta Point five Leagues to the Southward, and to the Northward as far as Cannanore. This was a very complete Business.

All the Vessels that were expected to arrive here by Captain Alms have arrived; the Nancy Tender was the last, and she arrived Yesterday Morning. All the rest, except the Porpoise Store ship, Elizabeth, Eagle Snow, and Nancy Transports, have all failed to join the Squadron. The Latham, Osterley, and Leeko Indiamen, with the Content Transport, are said to have arrived at Mocha the 4th ult.

War-Office, May 29, 1782.

17th Regiment of Foot, Major-General George Morrison is appointed to be Colonel, vice Robert Monckton

75th Regiment of Foot, Colonel Thomas Earl of Lincoln, of 1st Foot Guards, to be Colonel, vice George Morrison.

Lieutenant General Henry Earl of Pembroke to be Governor of Portsmouth, vice Robert Monckton.

10th Regiment of Dragoons, Captain William Newton to be Major, vice George Leathes.

Ditto, Lieutenant Hon. Frederick Lumley to be Captain of a Troop, vice William Newton.

Ditto, Cornet Honourable William Mordaunt Maitland to be Lieutenant, vice Honourable Frederick Lumley.

Ditto, George Sturt, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Honourable William Mordaunt Maitland.

11th Regiment of Dragoons, Surgeon John Mallet, of 45th Foot, to be Surgeon, vice Philip Grefley.

45th Regiment of Foot, Hospital Mate William Hatcher to be Surgeon, vice John Mallet.

Captain Thomas Welch, of 17th Foot, to be Major of Brigade to the Forces.

Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1782.

WHEREAS many Seamen have, from Time to Time, inconsiderately deserted His Majesty's Service, by leaving the Ships they belonged to, as they could find Opportunity for so doing, or, having been put on Shore Sick from His Majesty's Ships, either into Hospitals or Sick Quarters, have made so ill a Return to the Care taken for their Healths as to desert from His Majesty's Service, when so far recovered as to be able to withdraw themselves from the said Hospitals or Sick Quarters; for which Crimes they have incurred the Loss of their Wages, and are punishable with Death by a Court Martial: But my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty being willing to impute such Desertion into a Rashness which most of them soon repent of, and believing that they would return to their Ships, were it not from Apprehensions of Punishment; in order therefore to remove such Apprehensions, and encourage them to return to their Duty, their Lordships do hereby declare, That if any Persons who have deserted as aforesaid shall, on or before the Thirtieth Day of June next, return to the Ships to which they did belong, or, in case those Ships are gone Abroad, enter themselves on Board some other of His Majesty's Ships, they shall not be punished in any Manner whatsoever, on Account of the Crimes they have committed in withdrawing themselves from His Majesty's Service as aforesaid, *excepting such as have been guilty of Mutiny, or any other notorious Crimes:* And, as a further Encouragement, their Lordships are pleased to declare, that such as shall so return shall have their R^s taken off, and be paid their Wages for the Ships from which they respectively deserted; but their Lordships do also think fit to declare, that all Persons under the above-mentioned Circumstances, who do not make a proper Use of the Indulgence hereby offered them, will be strictly sought after, and, (in case they are apprehended) brought to a Court Martial, and treated as the Law directs.

Pb. Stephens.

Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1782.

WHEREAS there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Divisions of His Majesty's Marine Forces, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of Pardon, and that such Instance of Clemency would have due Influence on their future Behaviour; My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in order to encourage them to return to their Duty, and to remove their Apprehensions of the Punishment due to their Crime, do hereby give Notice, that such of the said Deserters as shall surrender themselves at any of the aforesaid Divisions at Portsmouth, Plymouth, or Chatham, or to any Recruiting Party of the Marines in Great Britain or Ireland, on or before the 30th Day of June next, will receive His Majesty's Free Pardon.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended and are now in Goal or Military Custody, their Lordships do hereby further give Notice, that His Majesty's Free Pardon will be extended to them also, of which they are to have the Benefit upon their Arrival at any of the Marine Head-Quarters.

And any Marine who may desert after this Public Notice of His Majesty's most gracious Intentions, will not be included in the above Pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

Pb. Stephens.

Whitehall, May 25, 1782.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Friday the 17th Instant, about Eleven o'Clock at Night, Mr. John Herd, of the Custom-House, London, Captain Best, and Two Servants, were attacked, in the Foot-way leading from the Shepherd and Shepherds, near the City Road, towards Islington, by Five desperate Footpads, who demanded their Money, one of them presenting a Pistol to the Breast of Captain Best's Servant; That, on Mr. Herd's