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Whitehall, August 30.

IN Consequence of the late Edict of the Spanish Government respecting Foreigners, the principal Merchants and other British Subjects residing in Alicant, were, on the 7th Instant, required by the Governor to declare, whether they chose to be considered and classed as Foreigners *Transseuntes* or *Domiciliados*. On their preferring the latter Class, they were ordered to leave Alicant within Fifteen Days, and were required to take an Oath of implicit Obedience to the Laws of Spain during that Period. Mess. Keith and Macdonald having declined complying with this Order, they were confined in the Castle of Alicant.

On the Receipt of this Intelligence at Madrid, Count Florida Blanca immediately assured Lord St. Helen's, that he entirely disapproved of every Part of the Governor's Conduct; that Orders should immediately be sent for the Release of Mess. Keith and Macdonald, without a Moment's Delay; and that the Governor should be called upon to prove any Charge he might have made against them, and, on his failing to make it good, that those Gentlemen should certainly receive due Satisfaction. Count Florida Blanca added, that he had, the preceding Evening, sent out circular Orders on this Subject, which would, he trusted, secure His Majesty's Subjects settled at Alicant from any further Molestation.

Within a few Hours after this Conversation, Count Florida Blanca sent Lord St. Helen's the abovementioned Order for the Release of Mess. Keith and Macdonald, which his Excellency immediately forwarded to Alicant.

Whitehall, August 30.

The following Advice was received on the 28th Instant, from the East Indies, by the Worcester, one of the Company's Ships.

Extract of a Letter from the Chief and Council of Tellicherry to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, dated March 23, 1791.

OUR last Advices were dated the 9th of January, since which we are happy to have an Opportunity of communicating to you a few more Particulars of

General Abercromby's Successes in the Prosecution of the War on this Side of India.

After the Reduction of Cananore the General proceeded towards Baliapatam, which Fort surrendered to his advanced Brigade without Resistance; and since this Period his Army has been greatly strengthened by the Junction of His Majesty's 73d Regiment from Bengal, and the 14th Battalion of Sepoys from the Madras Army. Thus reinforced the General marched from Baliapatam about a Month ago, and directed his Course towards the Corga Rajah's Territories, where, we believe, he intends, for a short Time, to remain for the Purpose of co-operating with the Grand Army, if Circumstances will hereafter admit. The advanced Corps, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Hartley, having taken Possession of the Corga Ghaut, established there a strong and advantageous Post. This may be considered a great and important Acquisition; for the Communication between it and the Sea being now completely free and open, General Abercromby may not only second the Operations of Lord Cornwallis's Army, but also contribute very beneficial Services and Assistance to his Lordship, in the Way of Supplies, on his Approach to Seringapatam, towards which Capital his Views, we understand, are now directed.

His Lordship attended the Ghauts, without Opposition, about the 16th Ult. by the Muglee Pass, and, from our latest Accounts, had proceeded so far into the Mysore Country, that it was thought he would invest the Fort of Bangalore on the 5th Instant. Tippoo had also considerably reinforced that Garrison.

South Sea-House, August 23, 1791.

THE Court of Directors of the South Sea Company give Notice, That the Transfer Books of Old South Sea Annuities will be shut on Friday the 9th of September next, at Two o'Clock, and opened on Friday the 21st of October following.

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