

“ pleased to direct, that the Body of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Moorhouse be removed to the Presidency, so soon as the Situation of Affairs will permit.”

We are assured your Honorable Court will be well pleased to find that proper Respect has been paid to the Memory of one of the best Officers that ever served the Company; and we are confident this public Testimony will be gratefully received by the whole Army.

Since the Assault of the Petah no official Advices of the Siege have reached us from Lord Cornwallis. But by Means of the Public Tappas, dispatched from Camp as Opportunities offered, many private Letters of undoubted Authority have been received; and from these we learn, that the first Batteries were opened against the Fort on the 12th, and that the Approaches were carried on with unremitting Assiduity, and in the Face of Tippoo's whole Army: That on the 21st at Night, about Eleven o'Clock, the Storm began, and was crowned with the most complete and brilliant Success. The Garrison gave Way on all Sides; and though the Loss of the Enemy on this Occasion was considerable, we have the Satisfaction to observe, that our's is stated at a very small Number. The Misfortune of Lord Cornwallis's official Advice of the Capture of Bangalore, will justify our transmitting a private Copy of the General Orders issued to the Army a Day after his Success; and we beg Leave to conclude this Account by tendering our sincerest Congratulations to your Honorable Court on an Event so glorious to your Arms, and so important to your Interests in this Country.

We have been honoured with Two Letters from Lord Cornwallis since the Fall of Bangalore, which we send as Numbers in the Packet, One dated the 27th of March, advising us, that as he had received Information of the actual March of Rajah Tanje Want (the Nizam's General) with a considerable Body of Cavalry, towards him, and being sensible of the great Importance of securing the Junction of this Fort, and the Probability that Tippoo would use every Means in his Power to harass and obstruct their March, he had determined to move to the Northward, in the Direction in which the Rajah was expected; and that he was farther induced to adopt this Measure from the Assurances which he had received that the friendly Poligars, in that Part of the Country, had collected a large Quantity of Grain, and a great Number of Cattle, for the Use of the Army, within Fifty Miles of Bangalore.

His Lordship added, that he could not then form a precise Judgment whether he should be able to attempt the Reduction of Seringapatam before the Rains, or whether he must limit his Views to Ousfore, and an Establishment in that Part of the Myfore Country; but that he could assure us that nothing but absolute Necessity should make him abandon his former Plan: That, with a View to expedite the Re-equipment of the heavy Artillery, he had appointed Colonel Duff to command in Bangalore, into which Place he had put the 76th Regiment and Three Native Battalions: That the Quantity of Military Stores of all Sorts found in it was astonishing; and that there was, in particular, more Gunpowder than we could possibly have Occasion for during the present War.

The second Letter from Lord Cornwallis is dated the 2d Instant, and advised us that he left his Camp, to the Southward of Bangalore, on the 28th Ult. and on that Day fell in with the Rear of the Enemy's Line of March at Eleancum: That, although our Infantry could not come up in Time to gain any

material Advantage, his Lordship pursued him closely for several Miles, and obliged him to relinquish the Object, which he appeared to have in View, of getting between our Army and the Corps of the Nizam's Cavalry: That Tippoo retired to Pellibalaboram, leaving behind him One Brass Nine Pounder; and that he had since moved towards Shevenganga.

Lord Cornwallis, in his Letter, complains of the Inactivity of Rajah Turge Want, to whom he had written, that if he heard of any more Delays and Excuses, he should proceed with his own Troops to the Execution of his future Plan of Operations.

The latter Part of the Letter is of so pleasing a Nature that we shall give it in his Lordship's own Words: “ We have been most plentifully supplied with Forage since we left Bangalore, notwithstanding the Attempts of the Enemy to burn it, and this Day some Banjarres of this Country brought to Camp above Four Thousand Bullocks, Half of them loaded with Rice, and the other Half with Grain, Doll, Ghee, and other Buzar Articles.”

Lord Cornwallis having received a Letter from Tippoo the 27th of March, making an Overture for a separate Accommodation with us, replied, “ That he could encourage no Proposition that did not include our Allies.” Copies of the Letter and the Answer having been transmitted to us, we forward them as Numbers in the Packet.

A large Force having been left to the Southward at the Time General Meadows moved from Trichinopoly, Lord Cornwallis expressed to us his Desire that it might be ordered to Amboor. Instructions were in consequence given to that Effect, and we have the Pleasure to add, that the Detachment reached its Place of Destination on the 22d Ultimo. By a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Oidham, who commands it, dated the 6th Instant, we are advised, that in consequence of Orders from Earl Cornwallis, he was to move from Amboor the next Day, and to advance to the Head of the Ghauts, where he was to take Post until he heard further from his Lordship. This Detachment, with the Reinforcements sent from hence, consists of about 700 Europeans, 4,200 Natives, and 450 Cavalry.

General Abercromby, with the Bombay Army, took Possession of the Coorg Pass on the 27th of February. The Advance, under Lieutenant-Colonel Hartley, was strongly posted on the Top, and the General was busily employed in sending up Supplies; since that Time (as we are informed by private Advices) the Second Division of the 73d Regiment, sent from hence on your Ship the Queen, and the 14th Carnatic Battalion of Native Infantry, have joined, and rendered General Abercromby's Force very respectable. The Coorg Pass is about Fifty Miles from Seringapatam.

*Head Quarters, Camp at Bangalore,
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Lord Cornwallis feels the most sensible Gratification in congratulating the Officers and Soldiers of the Army on the honorable Issue of the Fatigues and Dangers which they underwent during the late arduous Siege.

Their Alacrity and Firmness in the Execution of their various Duties has perhaps never been exceeded; and he shall not only think it incumbent upon him to represent their meritorious Conduct in the strongest Colours, but he shall ever remember it with the sincerest Sentiments of Esteem and Admiration.

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