

Terms, at the Behaviour of the Chiefs, I was perfectly sensible, that even their Presence contributed to awe the Enemy, and was otherwise of Value, as being a Proof of the strong Connexion of the Confederacy; and I saw no Ground to impute Blame to his Highness on their Account, in any other Shape than that of Want of Judgement in placing at the Head of so large a Portion of his Forces, such a Man as Rajah Teigewunt, who is destitute, to an uncommon Degree, of almost every Quality which a Military Commander ought to possess; and in employing several Chiefs under him, who, from their Rank and superior Military Experience, must naturally become his Advisers, or have great Influence with him; but on whose Honor and Fidelity his Highness should not have placed a Dependence.

I have, from Time to Time, conveyed these Sentiments to the Nizam and his Minister, in the most explicit Terms, and I have every Reason to be satisfied with the Impression that my Representations have made upon them; for, in order to remedy the Defects of which I have complained, and render the Services of his Troops more efficacious in future, he has promised to send his second Son, Secunder Jah, with the Minister, Azeem ul Omrah, to command them; and he has given me the strongest Assurances, through Meer Allum, who lately arrived in Camp; that the Prince and the Minister, with all the intended Reinforcements, in which the Two Company's Battalions in his Pay will be included, shall, conformable to my Desire, join me before the End of the Month of October.

Reduced as Tippoo's Resources now are, and diminished and dispirited as his Army must be by our repeated Successes, there can be little Doubt of his being desirous of Peace; but I have not yet discovered any clear Symptoms of his haughty Mind being prepared to submit to the Terms which the Allies, from a Consideration of their future Safety, and of their Right to expect some Compensation for their Losses and Expences, will think it necessary to impose upon him.

After having been equally unsuccessful, with the Peshwa and the Nizam, as with myself, in frequent Attempts, during the last three or four Months, to create Jealousies among the Confederates, by proposing to open separate Negotiations with them, without admitting his Knowledge of the Nature of the Confederacy, he at last thought proper to comply with my Recommendation to address himself, at the same Time, to the Three Powers, and to request Permission to send a Vackeel to treat with them collectively.

Permission was accordingly granted; but as the Vackeel preferred Claims respecting the Forms of his publick Reception, and the Mode of opening the Negotiation, which could not, without the greatest Impropriety, be complied with, and from which he declared his Instructions did not authorize him to recede, it was thought most advisable by Hurry Punt and Meer Allum (who are invested with full Powers from their respective Governments) as well as myself, that he should be requested, after having given him a few Days for Consideration, to return to his Master, and he accordingly proceeded to him, from Bangalore, on the 24th of last Month.

We have not yet received any further Message from Tippoo; but I think it highly probable that he will soon renew his Propositions for opening a Nego-

tiation; and should he at any Time appear to be seriously disposed to acquiesce in Terms of Accommodation, which a Regard for your Honor and Interests, as well as those of the Allies, will render it incumbent upon us to demand, the strongest Considerations, both publick and private, will insure my most cordial Exertions to bring this Contest to a speedy Conclusion.

I must however confess, that although it may be possible that, in case of his other Schemes being unsuccessful, he may see the Necessity of submitting to our Demands, before the Confederate Forces shall be completely ready to move again towards his Capital, yet I see no good Reason to believe that he has any other Design, at present, than that of endeavouring to disunite the Confederates by underhand Intrigues amongst them; and I shall certainly, therefore, not relax, in the smallest Degree, in forwarding the necessary Preparations, to enable me, as soon as the Season will permit, to resume the most vigorous Prosecution of offensive Operations.

You are so well informed, by your own Records, of the Characters and Dispositions of our Allies, that I need hardly state to you, that in transacting Business with People differing so much from ourselves in Language, Manners and Customs, many Difficulties are unavoidably experienced; and I shall only assure you, that neither Temper nor Perseverance shall be wanting; on my Part, to preserve Union amongst the different Members of the Confederacy, and to draw the utmost Exertion that may be practicable from them; for promoting the general Prosperity.

I have thought it my Duty to give you the above general Statement of the Occurrences of the last Campaign, and of our present Situation; and before I conclude this Letter, I must, in Justice to the Officers and Soldiers, both of the King's and Company's Troops, who compose this Army, give my publick Testimony, that, during the Course of a Campaign, which, from a Concurrence of Circumstances, has been singularly arduous, they have manifested Patience under Fatigue and Scarcity, Gallantry in Action, and a general Spirit of Zeal for the Honor and Interests of their Country, to an Extent which, in my Opinion, has never been exceeded by any Troops whatever, and which gives them a just Claim to the warmest and most substantial Marks of your Approbation.

I have ordered the Adjutant-General, who is gone for the Recovery of his Health to Madras, to send Returns of the Loss of His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Troops in Killed and Wounded, during the last Campaign: And Captain Kyd, Surveyor-General on the Bengal Establishment, who has accompanied me on this Service, will transmit to you, by my Direction, Sketches of the Country about Bangalore and Seringapatam, of the Action of the 15th of May, and of the Marches of the Army from the 5th of February to the 30th of August. As this latter will be an useful Geographical Document, I should recommend its being sent to Major Rennel.

I have the Honor to be,
with the greatest Respect,
Honorab!e Sirs,
Your most obedient and most humble Servant,
CORNWALLIS.

Camp near Bangalore,
September 7, 1791.