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THE Letters and Enclosures, of which the following are Copies and Extract, were this Day received from the East Indies by the Company's Ships Lord Camden and Northumberland.

Camp before Seringapatam, March 4, 1792.

S I R,

I Have very great Satisfaction in transmitting to you the enclosed Copy of the Preliminaries * of Peace, that were settled on the Night of the 23d of February, between the Three Confederate Powers and Tippoo Sultan, to be laid before His Majesty.

Although some Circumstances delayed the Delivery of the Hostages until the 26th, I was induced, by the earnest Desire of Tippoo, to consent to a Cessation of Hostilities on the 24th Ultimo; and I trust that not only the Preliminary Articles will soon be completely executed, but also that those of the Definitive Treaty will, without much Delay, be adjusted and concluded.

Having giving a Detail of the Military Operations that preceded the Cessation of Arms, and of several Particulars of the Negotiation, in a Letter of this Date, addressed to the Honourable Court of Directors of the East India Company, which will be officially communicated to you for His Majesty's Information, it becomes unnecessary to trouble you with a Repetition of the Contents of that Letter: But I request that you will be pleased to assure His Majesty, that although the formidable Power of Tippoo has been so much reduced by the Event of a War, into which we were forced by the ungovernable Ambition and Violence of his Character, as to render it improbable that he can be able, for many Years to come, to give any material Disturbance to the British Possessions in India; yet that, in the Selection of the Countries that are to be ceded to us, my primary Object shall be, to fix upon those Districts to the Extent of our Rights by the present Treaty, that may be, from local Situation, best calculated for giving us a strong defensive Frontier against the future Attacks of any Power whatever from above the Ghauts.

I must beg that you will also inform the King, that, gallantly as His Majesty's Troops on this Service have behaved on all other Occasions, their Courage and Discipline were never more eminent, nor their Services more valuable to their Country; than in the

Attack of the Enemy's fortified Camp on the Night of the 6th Ult.

My warmest Acknowledgements were therefore due to the Officers and Soldiers in general, for their Behaviour in that Action; and I am persuaded; when proper Opportunities offer, it will likewise prove the most effectual Recommendation for them to His Majesty's Favor.

General Medows, who had some Time ago resolved to return to Europe as soon as the War should be concluded, intends, with my entire Approbation, to embark on the last Ship of this Season that sails from Madras; and I think it my Duty on this Occasion to declare; that the Zeal and Ability, which the General has constantly employed during this War in promoting the Interests of his Country; have, in my Opinion, done great Honor to himself; and that the friendly Support and Assistance, which he has uniformly afforded me, have laid me under the most lasting Obligations.

It has at the same Time been my singular good Fortune to experience a Co-operation and Assistance, no less zealous and friendly, from General Abercromby, in his able Conduct of the Army that was formed on the Coast of Malabar; and I request that you will be pleased to communicate my Sentiments on the Behaviour and Merits of both these Officers to His Majesty.

This Dispatch will be delivered to you by Captain Madan, one of my Aids de Camp, whom I beg Leave to recommend to His Majesty as a deserving Officer; and, as he has served in the Field from the Commencement of the War; he will, I trust, be able to give you satisfactory Explanations of all the Operations and Transactions that he has witnessed.

I have the Honor to enclose a List of the Killed, Wounded and Missing of the Troops under my Command, from the 6th Ult. to the Day of the Cessation of Arms inclusive, with a Return † of the Artillery that fell into our Hands upon the Defeat of the Enemy's Army.

I have the Honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) CORNWALLIS:

Right Honorable Henry Dundas;

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries, &c. &c. &c.

* Already printed in the Gazette of July 5, 1792.

† Printed in the Gazette of July 2, 1792.

