

Division of his Country should be made according to the Terms of the Preliminary Articles; but, upon it's being produced, he positively objected to it's Correctness, offering, however, after some Discussions, to allow the Division to take Place upon the Ground that his net Revenue amounted to something above Two Crore and Thirty-seven Lacs; to which, with the entire Concurrence of Hurry Punt and Azeem ul Omrah, I judged it advisable to give my Assent.

Upon the Adjustment of this indispensable Preliminary Point, further Difficulties were started, by his objecting, with great Warmth, to cede some of the Districts which had been included by the Allies in the Selection of their respective Portions, and, above all others, his Repugnance to relinquish the Coorja Country, which I was determined to obtain for the Company, as being necessary to form a secure Barrier for our new Possessions on the Coast of Malabar against every Power above the Ghauts, appeared at one Time to be almost insurmountable.

At this Stage of the Negotiation the Allies were not only in Possession of his Two Sons as Hostages, but also of above Eleven Hundred Thousand Pounds of the Sum that he had agreed to pay, in ready Money, which I should have considered as sufficient Pledges from any other Man for the Performance of the Whole of the Preliminary Articles; but, faithless and violent as Tippoo's Character was known to be, I judged it incumbent upon me to be prepared to support by Force, if it should prove necessary, the Rights that we had acquired by the Preliminaries, and, with that View, I requested, in Addition to several other Measures, that Perferam Bhow would cross the Caveri and join General Abercromby, in order that we might be ready to act with Efficacy, and without Loss of Time, against Seringapatam, if a Renewal of Hostilities should become unavoidable; resolving, at the same Time, that the Armies should not quit the Positions that they occupied until the Articles of the Definitive Treaty should be arranged and actually signed.

As any material Interruption, and still more a total Breach in the Negotiation, would have been attended with great Inconvenience to our Affairs; I was relieved from much Anxiety when Tippoo, upon further Reflection, withdrew all his Objections, and consented, on the 16th Ultimo, to sign the Definitive Treaty; and the first Payment of One Crore and Sixty-five Lacs of Rupees being also completed in a few Days, Perferam Bhow repassed the River, and, after evacuating the Trenches and our Posts upon the Island, all the Confederate Forces began to move from Seringapatam on the 26th Ultimo. The Orders for the mutual Cession of Forts and Districts, conformable to the Treaty, having also been previously interchanged, I trust that in the Course of a few Weeks Tippoo will be in Possession of the Dominions that are left to him, and that the Armies of the Allies will have returned within the new Boundaries of their respective Countries.

It must, no doubt, be highly gratifying to you, that a War, into which we were forced by every Consideration of good Faith and sound Policy, has not only terminated in the Reduction of the Strength of a Neighbour of great Power, and of the most inordinate Ambition, but also in securing Acquisitions to ourselves, which, exclusive of their incalculable Value in Point of Situation, add considerably to your Revenues, and promise to open Sources of Commerce in Pepper, Cardamums, Teak, Sandal

Wood, &c. that may be looked upon as of great Importance both to the Company and to the Nation.

By the Statement of Tippoo's Revenues, upon which it was finally agreed by all Parties that his Country should be divided according to the Terms of the Preliminary Articles, the Company's Portion amounted to something above Thirty-nine Lacs and a Half of Rupees of net Revenue; and by an Inspection of the General Map you will readily perceive, that although, in order to reduce the Company's Share to that Sum, I was obliged to relinquish a few small Districts on the Top of the Ghauts, that properly belong to the Baramaul, but which are not necessary for the Security of our Frontier, I have availed myself of our Right of Selection by demanding and obtaining for the Company's Portion, Countries, that are both strong in themselves, and peculiarly well calculated to form a Barrier to your ancient Possessions.

The Districts ceded to us on the Coast of Malabar consist of the Whole of the Tract of Country below the Ghauts, laying between Travencore and the Kaway River, which is our Northern Boundary; and they are so fortunately situated, that it will be difficult, if not impossible, for Tippoo, or any future Sovereign of Myfore, to disturb them.

Palicautcherry commands the only Road by which an Army can approach them from the Carnatic Side; the only Passes that lead into them from the Myfore Country, viz. the Tambercherry and Pondicherrum Passes, are, from their belonging to our Tributaries, in Reality, in our own Possession; and the Northern Frontier is, from the Ruggedness of the Country, and from it's being intersected with a Number of deep Ravines and several considerable Rivers, exceedingly inaccessible.

Dindigul constitutes a substantial Protection to the Southern Provinces; and by the Acquisition of the Baramaul, and of the Country, which, though composed of several different Districts, is commonly called the Salem Country, which gives us the Command of all the Passes of the Ghauts to the Northward of the Caveri, we have obtained an effectual Barrier to the Carnatic against all future Invasions from the Westward; and, exclusive of the principal Forts of Sankerydroog, Namcool, Attoor, Kistnagherry, and Ryacotta, which no Power in India could take from us, and which an invading Army could not pass without hazarding the Loss of it's Supplies, there are a Number of smaller Forts in those Districts that, in case of a temporary Irruption of a Corps of Cavalry, would be capable of affording great Protection to the Persons and Property of the Inhabitants.

Had the Extent of our Share of the Cessions made by Tippoo admitted of it, I should have had great Satisfaction in adding the Country of Coimbatore to the Company's other Possessions, principally for the Purpose of depriving the Myfore Power of all Footing below the Ghauts, on the Carnatic Side: But the Disappointment is of the less Consequence as it is a defenceless open Country, which, in case of a future Rupture, nothing less than Tippoo's whole Force could attempt to defend against us, and from which he could not, without the greatest Difficulty and Danger, venture to invade the Carnatic.

A Pass, called the Coveriporam Pass, is marked upon some of the Sketches of that Part of the Country; but as it does not appear that Tippoo, or his Father, ever brought Guns down that Pass, there is no good Reason to suppose that it is at present, or that it could