

the Enemy's Guns. That same Evening the Governor sent out a Deputation, with Proposals to surrender; and early the next Morning our Troops took Possession of the Place.

We have the Honor to transmit a Copy of Colonel Brathwaite's last Dispatch, with Copy of the Articles of Capitulation, and to offer our warmest Congratulations to you on an Event so honorable, and important to your Interests in this Country.

All the French Settlements in Bengal, as well as those on the Two Coasts, have been surrendered to the British Arms.

We have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect,
Honorable Sirs,

Your faithful humble Servants,
CHA. OAKELEY.
E. W. FALLOFIELD.

To the Hon. Sir Charles Oakeley, Bart. Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir,

Captain Brathwaite, my Aide de Camp, will have the Honor to deliver this to you; it incloses Copies of my Correspondence with Monsieur de Chermont, and a Copy of the Terms which Humanity alone induced me to grant to the French Garrison, who, in many Instances, behaved very ill; but it seems they were under little or no Control of their Officers, who were hourly in Apprehension for their own Lives: And this Day I was greatly alarmed by repeated Information that some of them had surrounded the Governor's House and menaced his Life, and pressing me to push forward the Troops, which was accordingly done, and I had the Pleasure to learn that though Matters had for some Time worn a disagreeable Appearance, they had never had Recourse to their Arms, or any Act of Violence; they were mostly drunk, and straggling about in various Directions, but without Arms; however they have been mostly collected, and will, before Night, be perfectly secured in the Church at Ariancopang.

I have also the Honor to inclose a Copy of the Orders I issued this Day, and to remain, with Respect,

Honorable Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

(Signed) JOHN BRATHWAITE.

Camp on the Red Hills,

August 23, 1793.

P. S. Admiral Cornwallis did me the Honor to dine with me this Day, and I shall To-morrow send to him a Duplicate of the Capitulation for his Signature, if he pleases to sign it, and shall get One in Exchange from Monsieur Chermont also, for the Admiral.

To General Brathwaite, Commanding in Chief the English Army.

S I R,

Humanity, and the Interests of this Colony, have engaged me to propose a Capitulation: I ask, in Consequence, Four and Twenty Hours to reduce it to Form, during which Time you will establish, as well as me, a perfect Suspension of Arms, and cease to continue your Works against the Place, as I shall cease to continue mine in it's Defence.

I have the Honor to be, with the most perfect Esteem, and the highest Consideration,

S I R,

Your most humble

and most obedient Servant,

(Signed) CHERMONT.

Pondicherry, August 22, 1793.

To Mr. Chermont, Governor of Pondicherry, &c. &c.

S I R,

Humanity, and the real Interest of the City of Pondicherry, induced me to offer you the most honorable and humane Terms on my appearing before this Place, with such a Superiority of Force as entitled me to say, that Humanity alone induced me to make those Offers.

You, Sir, contrary to the Dictates of Humanity, and the real Interests of the Colony under your Command, rejected those Terms, and, without any Probability of Defence, continued to fire upon my People, to do as much Mischief as you could; and now that my Batteries are opened, you begin to think of Humanity, that is, for your own People, for you have indicated none for those under my Command; but, thank God! they are not in a Situation to require it. Matters being thus circumstanced, I will give you till To-morrow Morning, at Eight o'Clock, to surrender at Discretion, and trust to the known Humanity and Generosity of the English Nation. Till then I will cease to fire, unless fired upon, but I will not cease to work; and if a Shot is fired from you before the Surrender of the Place, all further Application will be unnecessary. If the Place is surrendered, the Whole may depend upon Security to their Lives, and that liberal Treatment which the English Nation always shews to it's Prisoners: In short, they shall be treated as Prisoners of War surrendering themselves into the Hands of a brave and honorable People. Precisely at Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning I shall begin to fire, with no Intention of ceasing, till I am established in the full Possession of Pondicherry. You have once, Sir, refused a fair and honorable Offer; this is the second, and I believe a third is never made.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient and

very humble Servant,

(Signed) JOHN BRATHWAITE.

Camp before Pondicherry,

Aug. 22, 1793.

To General BRATHWAITE.

S I R,

THE cruel Situation in which myself and a Number of brave Men have found themselves, and which I believed was known to you, has forced us to the Conduct we have held. I send you an Officer of Merit, whom I beseech you to hear. I hope he will be able to obtain from you a Capitulation, and the Twenty-four Hours I have asked.

I have the Honor to be,

with the highest Consideration,

S I R,

Your very humble,

and very obedient Servant,

(Signed) CHERMONT.

Pondicherry, Aug. 22, 1793.

To Mr. Chermont, Governor of Pondicherry, &c. &c.

I Have said in my Letter to Mons. Chermont, that, in surrendering at Discretion, he might confide in the Humanity and Generosity of a brave Nation; but as he desires Assurances, to quiet the Minds of such as are alarmed at the Idea of surrendering at Discretion;

I. I promise, that if the Place, with all Public Property, Stores, Ammunition, Arms, Ordnance, Treasure and Provisions, is faithfully delivered up, all Private Property belonging to Individuals shall be

saved.