

ties prevented, and Lives preserved, the great Advantage of obtaining Possession of so important a Fortification in an uninjured State at this advanced Season of the Year, in the Security thereby afforded to both Places from any Enterprize of the Enemy, with the Acquisition of the only safe Harbour on this Side of India, and that a very fine one, the great Object of the Expedition, the Value of this most seasonable Surrender can scarcely be too highly estimated. Much Commendation is due to the Deputy Adjutant General, Major Agnew, for his Ability and Dexterity in conducting this Negotiation with the Commandant of Fort Oostenburg.

I was on the Point of dispatching the Royal Admiral and Lafcelles with my former Letters of the 14th and 30th Instant, being uncertain as to the Event of the Business, when the Commandant of Oostenburg expressed his Inclination to surrender; and as I propose to recommend to the Government of Fort St. George to dispatch a Packet with this important Intelligence, shall not detain those Ships any longer, but leave to that Opportunity to acquaint their Lordships with the Return of Ammunition and Stores found in Fort Oostenburg.

Lieutenant Pulam, of the Suffolk, cut out a small Vessel from under the Guns of Fort Oostenburg the Night before last, without receiving any Molestation from the Enemy, the Crew having abandoned her.

I have the Honour to remain, &c.

PETER RAINIER.

SUMMONS OF FORT OOSTENBURG.

S I R,

THE Capture of Trincomalé, the Garrison of which Place surrendered Yesterday Evening as Prisoners of War, having placed the Fort of Oostenburg entirely under your Orders, we, the undersigned Officers, commanding the Forces of His Britannick Majesty, at Trincomalé, demand of you to surrender the Fort of Oostenburg to the King our Master. The Officers and European Troops of the Garrison, if it is their Wish, will be immediately received into the Pay of Great Britain, with the Rank they now hold. Their private Property will be secured to them, and every other reasonable Indulgence which you can demand will be granted, as far as the undersigned are authorized by their Instructions to allow.

It must be evident to you, that Resistance cannot long preserve the Fort under your Command; if, therefore, your Refusal to surrender on the very favourable Condition we now offer obliges us to erect Batteries against the Place, no Terms will hereafter be granted; and if you are permitted to surrender, it must be at Discretion.

Major Agnew, the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army, will have the Honor to deliver this to you, and is empowered by us to arrange the Terms of Surrender: Whatever he may consent to we will confirm.

Given under our Hands, in Camp near Trincomalé, this 27th of August, 1795.

(Signed) P. RAINIER,
JA. STUART.

CAPITULATION of Fort Oostenburg.

THE Commandant of Fort Oostenburg surrenders the said Fort to His Britannick Majesty on the following Conditions:

Article I.

The Garrison of Fort Oostenburg surrender themselves Prisoners of War; but the Officers to be permitted to retain their Swords.

Answer.—Granted.

Article II.

Captain Weerman and Lieutenant Zellman, Engineer, request Leave to remain in the Fort, for the Purpose of arranging their private Affairs, and those of the other Officers.

Answer.—These Officers will be permitted to remain a reasonable Time for the Arrangement of their Affairs.

Articles III.

The Property of Officers and Soldiers shall be secured to them.

Answer.—Granted.

Article IV.

The Soldiers shall become Prisoners of War, and be delivered up to be removed from the Fort: They shall not be compelled to serve; and such of them as do not choose to enter into Service shall be sent to Europe at a convenient Opportunity.

Answer.—Granted.

Article V.

The Malays shall be well treated, and not compelled to serve either as Soldiers or Sailors.

Answer.—Granted.

Article VI.

The Storekeeper, his Assistant, and the Secretary, request Leave to remain in the Fort to settle their Private Affairs.

Answer.—These Gentlemen will be allowed a reasonable Time for the Arrangement of their Affairs, but are to be considered as Prisoners of War.

Article VII.

All the Articles of the Capitulation of Trincomalé, although not expressed in this Capitulation, shall be understood as extending to the Garrison of Fort Oostenburg, as far as Circumstances will admit.

Answer.—Granted.

Article VIII.

At Four o'Clock this Afternoon the Garrison will march out, with Drums beating, and lay down their Arms.

Article IX.

All Provisions and Stores, as well as Papers, being Public Property, will be delivered over to His Britannick Majesty's Commissary appointed to receive the same.

Answer.—The Garrison will march out at Four o'Clock this Afternoon, in the Manner required by this Article; but a Detachment of the British Army must be put in Possession of the Water Pass Gate at Two o'Clock this Afternoon, and proper Persons will be appointed by Captain Hoffman to point out the Magazines, &c. that Guards may be posted for their Security.

Fort D'Oostenburg, 31st August, 1795.

(Signed) G. Hoffmann, Commandant. | Signed by Authority of Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart, (Signed) P. A. Agnew, Dep. Adj. Gen.

(Confirmed) Peter Rainier, Ja. Stuart.