

John's Post, a commanding Work well furnished with Cannon, about 1300 Yards from the Fort and 200 from the Place of Conference, to a Subaltern with a Party of our Grenadiers, and we entered the Fort with the Remainder of the British Detachment. The Garrison being thus completely in our Power, and unconditionally, farther than the securing of Property, the Dutch Guards were permitted to remain armed at their Posts, until the Governor, whom we then accompanied to his House, gave, in his own Hand Writing to Major Browne, a Detail of the Guards, which were then relieved by the British Troops. From the anxious Desire of complying with His Majesty's Orders, we have agreed to the inclosed Capitulation, and every Thing now appears perfectly quiet, and all Parties reconciled.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) HENRY NEWCOME.

Orypens, Malacca Roads,

August 25, 1795.

PRELIMINARY ARTICLES.

THE Measures adopted by the Dutch Government of Malacca subsequently to the amicable Proposals tendered by the Naval and Military Commanders of the British Forces, by the Agency of Mr. Forbes Ross M'Donald, appointed by Commodore Peter Rainier, commanding the British Squadron in India, and Colonel John Brathwaite, commanding the Land Forces on the Coast of Coromandel, having rendered it necessary to debark the Troops, towards which the Possession of the Constantia, a Dutch Armed Ship, which lay between the English Squadron and the Fort, becoming indispensable, actual Hostilities commenced by His Majesty's Ship the Resistance firing upon, and, after Exchange of some Guns, taking Possession of her; and, having been followed up by the Discharge of several Guns from the Dutch Battery upon the British Troops after they had gained the Shore, are Circumstances which, together with the Invitation subsequently given to the British Commanders to take Possession of the Fort, cannot be considered in other Light than ultimately placing the Dutch Garrison in the Predicament of having surrendered as Prisoners of War, and which has been since acknowledged by the Dutch Government to have been their Expectation.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

Nevertheless, in Obedience to the Commands of His Britannic Majesty, requiring us to cultivate the Alliance, which has so long and so happily subsisted between the Two Nations, we dispense with the unparticipated Control, which the foregoing Circumstances would warrant our taking upon ourselves, and hereby accede and confirm to the Dutch Government its Establishment and Authority in all Civil Matters, to the full Extent as heretofore; reserving however to ourselves, and those who have been in immediate Connection with us upon the Service, a Claim to the Public Property in Malacca, and the Shipping in the Roads, to the Extent which His Britannic Majesty may be graciously pleased to determine; and for this Purpose the Value of the Public Property ashore and in the Roads, to be estimated and placed in Deposit, promising on our Part to give Protection to Public and Private Property under the above Reservation, and to defend the Interests of the ancient Dutch Government against their

Enemy the French, to the utmost of our Power, under the following Condition.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

The Commanding Officer of the British Troops to be acknowledged Commandant of the Fort and Garrison of Malacca, and Military Posts thereupon depending, with a Seat as Second in Council.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

The Keys of the Fort to be lodged with him, and the Military Stores of every Description to be delivered over to him.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

The Parole to be given by him.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

The Disposal of the Dutch Garrison to be wholly at his Discretion.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

A Fund to be assured to him, in monthly Payments, for the Subsistence of the Troops, and for the Defence of the Fort and its Dependencies, and that Provision for this Fund be made in the first Instance.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

This Article to be understood as agreed to, so far as the Resources of the Dutch Government of Malacca and its Dependencies extend.

N. B. This Paragraph by Mr. Couperus.

In Consideration of the extraordinary Expence incurred by the British Government, in sending their Troops for the Protection of their Allies the Dutch at Malacca, the Governor and Council of that Settlement will represent these Circumstances to the Governor-General and Council of Batavia, and in forwarding an Account of the monthly Expence of the British Troops, they will make Application to the Governor General that he may provide for it.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

The English and Dutch Flags to be displayed, when Occasion requires, upon the Two Flag Staffs which are already erected.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

The Armed Vessels belonging to the Malacca Government shall be put under the Orders of the British Naval Commander.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

Orders shall be sent by the Dutch Government to their Officers commanding at Rhio and Peru, to put themselves and their Garrison under the Orders of the Officer commanding the British Forces.

Agreed.—A. Couperus.

The above Conditions being drawn up in general Terms, as the Basis of Connection with the Protecting Power, the Illustration which any of them may require will be arranged and detailed in a subsequent Paper, subject, however, in Whole or in Part, to the future Regulation of the British Government in India.

A true Copy,

(Signed)

H. NEWCOME.

True Copy,

Van. Ince, Dep. Sec.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 28, 1796.

Notice is hereby given, that there will be no Levee at St. James' till Wednesday the 6th of April.

Commission signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland.

110th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant ———— Lloyd, from the 37th Foot, to be Captain.