

The Transports having been collected off Negombo, an Anchorage Eighteen Miles to the Northward of this Place, on the 5th Instant, and that Fort, having been evacuated by the Enemy, was taken Possession of by Major Barbert on the same Day, and the Whole of the Army landed by the Evening of the 6th Instant.

The Inland Navigation from Negombo to Colombo not being found adequate to the Purpose of carrying the Stores, Provisions, &c. to the Ground necessary for the Army to occupy previous to opening our Batteries, Colonel Stuart marched with a Part of his Force to possess himself of a strong Post which the Enemy opposed to him on the South Bank of the Matual River, which, from his judicious and able Conduct, was happily carried on the Morning of the 12th, with little Loss on our Side, and considerable to the Enemy, who fled for Protection under the Walls of the Fort, and enabled the Colonel to take up his final Position before Colombo on the Evening of the same Day.

I also anchored on the Morning of the 12th with the Ships of War and Transports, about Two Miles from the Fortrefs, in a very favourable Situation for landing the Guns, &c. of which there being a sufficient Number put on Shore, on the 14th Colonel Stuart and myself summoned the Fort to surrender, and it's Success will be fully explained by the Articles of Capitulation, which I have before alluded to, and which I humbly hope may meet His Majesty's Approbation.

It becomes me, and is a very pleasing Part of my Duty, to make known to you, for His Majesty's Information, the Zeal and Activity which have actuated every Description of Officers and Men employed under my Orders; and I am happy to inform you, that Three Seamen of the Swift, wounded, are the only Casualties of the Siege.

First Lieutenant Davies, of the Heroine, an Officer of great Merit, who has given me every Assistance on this Service which his relative Situation enabled him to do, will have the Honor of delivering to you this Dispatch, and I beg Leave to recommend him to your favourable Notice and Protection.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

A. H. GARDNER.

## ARTICLES of CAPITULATION.

### PRELIMINARY ARTICLE.

JOHN Gerard Van Angelbeck, Councillor of India, Governor and Director of the Dutch Possessions in the Island of Ceylon, offers to deliver up to Colonel Stuart and Captain Gardner, commanding the English Troops, the Fortrefs of Columbo, upon the following Conditions, at the Expiration of Three Days.

Answer.—Major Patrick Alexander Agnew, Adjutant-General of the British Troops in the Island of Ceylon, by virtue of the Powers delegated to him by Colonel James Stuart, commanding the British Army, and Alan Hyde Gardner, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Heroine, and Senior Officer of the Naval Force before Columbo, consents to accept of the Surrender of the Fort Columbo on the mentioned Terms, provided the Capitulation is signed this Evening, and the Fort delivered to the British

Troops Tomorrow Morning at Ten o'Clock, in the Manner stipulated in the following Articles.

### Article I.

In this Capitulation shall be included the Town of Gale and the Fort of Caliture, with all their Dependencies, Lands, Domains, &c. of the Honorable Dutch East India Company; and the Governor shall issue Orders to the Commander and Council of Gale and the Commandant of Caliture for the actual Surrender, according to the Contents of this Capitulation.

Answer.—Granted.

### Article II.

The Fort, with all it's Dependencies, Artillery, Ammunition, Stores, Provisions, and all other Effects belonging to the Company, with the Plan, and Papers relative to the Fortifications, shall bona fide be delivered up, without concealing or keeping back any Thing.

Answer.—Granted. The Surveys of the Districts of the Island of Ceylon, and it's Coasts, with all other Public Plans, to be included.

### Article III.

And as the Banks at Columbo, as well as Gale, are Two Years in Arrear, the Delivery shall take Place according to the Balances now actually existing, and a reasonable Time be allotted to the Commercial Servants here, and at Gale, with their Assistants, to finish their Books; and they shall during that Time receive the Pay and Emoluments fixed for their Services. As the Smith, Cooper, House-Carpenter, the Overseer of the Arsenal, and the Brick-maker, receive every Thing by Indent, their Accounts shall be examined by our Accountants, and paid by the English; on the other Hand, the above-mentioned Artificers and Overseers are responsible for the Articles issued to them.

Answer.—One Year, or Eighteen Months, if absolutely necessary, shall be allowed, for the Purpose of arranging the Books; during which Time a reasonable Salary shall be paid to the Servants of the Dutch Company necessarily employed in this Department. The Accounts of the Artizans shall be examined and liquidated.

### Article IV.

All Publick Papers shall also be faithfully delivered over; but attested Copies of all the Publick and Secret Consultations held during his short Government, and which he has not had an Opportunity of forwarding to Holland or Batavia, shall be given to Governor Van Angelbeck, to enable him to answer for his Conduct according to the Nature of the Circumstances.

Answer.—Granted.

### Article V.

The Returns and Merchandize of the Company, which are partly laden on Board the Ships Berlicum and Ensfgezendheid, now laying in the Roads, and partly stored in private Houses, as well as those at Gale, shall also be faithfully delivered by the Commissaries, who shall be appointed by the Governor, to Major Agnew, who is authorized by the Government of Madras to receive them.

Answer.—All Merchandize, Stores, and publick Property of every Description, either laden on Board