

night, upwards of fifty thousand have been taken.

The last accounts from New South Wales are said to be of a dreadful nature. The whole settlement were put upon short allowance, on account of the extreme scarcity of provisions, and the crops raising at Port Jackson, were of the most unfavourable kind; the most promising not likely to yield three bushels for one sown; and, in many parts, even the seed was not expected to be returned. Norfolk island did not produce corn enough for its own inhabitants. In short, the prospect of the whole settlement was deplorable in the extreme.

In consequence of these accounts, orders are said to have been sent to Portsmouth, that the ships destined for that place should be detained.

A Paris paper dated Sunday, April 8, after stating the particulars of the late affair in the East Indies, asserts that our minister has sent out orders to try Sir Richard Strachan for his conduct; and apologise to the French nation for the outrage offered to their flag.

Governor Brooke, of St Helena, in his dispatches to the Court of Directors, mentions, that a French ship called the *Béngal*, was arrived there in her way to France,

which left the Malabar coast the latter end of January, and brings advice that Chitteldroog was certainly taken from Tippoo, in which vast supplies of grain, and sums of specie had been found. The captain mentions also, that the Mahrattas were very active in our cause, and had furnished our army with plenty of horses to remount the cavalry; that Lord Cornwallis was in his way to, if he had not already besieged Seringapatam; that Tippoo was much disheartened; and that very great desertion prevailed thro' all his army.

The clerks in the State Office for foreign affairs, most of whom have been many years in office upon very small salaries, (though chiefly married men with large families) have lately had their salaries increased. For this act of humanity and benevolence, they are greatly beholden to the generous exertions of his grace the duke of Leeds, their late principal.

*Extract of a letter from on board the Ariel at Tillicberry, Dec. 23, 1791.*

"We are now keeping a sharp look out on this coast, and daily expect the French commodore here, who has an equal force, and probably will resent the insult to their flag, in which case we have every reason to expect an obstinate