

"Yes, he said, there must have been eighteen boxes, and no doubt they were there.

"He was much surprised when I told him that there were only six.

"This is the gist of what passed in that conversation. On leaving Mr. Dupleix asked me to put it down in writing, so that he might be the better able to remember it. Which I did as accurately as possible before seven o'clock in the evening this twenty first of August 1747.

"(Signed) FRIELL.

"I the undersigned certify on my soul and conscience that the contents of this document are true and were told me by Mr. Savage in English which I interpreted in French to the said Mr. Dupleix at Pondichery, at half past seven in the evening, this twenty first of this August 1747.

"(Signed) FRIELL.

"I the undersigned Councillor in the Higher Council and commandant of Karikal, certify that the present document was presented to me by Mr. Dupleix, commandant general of India at the very moment when it was completed by Mr. Friell, and that I read it after having previously given my word of honour to the said Mr. Dupleix to keep a profound silence on its contents, in consequence of the same pledge which had been required of those two gentlemen by Mr. Savage at Pondichery at half past seven in the evening, this twenty first of August 1747.

"(Signed) PANADIS.

(Copy).

"Pondichery, 10 April, 1876.

"The Conservator of the Library and
of the Old Records.

"(Signed) DE GACON.

"Stamp of the Old Records of Pondichery."

II

Archives des Affaires Etrangères. Gingy fut pris en 1750 par les
Mémoires et Documents. François sur les Maures.

A sie,

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C'est une forteresse qui a 4600 toises de circuit. Elle renferme 7 forts, dont quatre sont autant de montagnes qui se communiquent par des courtines très étendues. La plus considérable a 900 toises de long et n'est flanquée que par une espèce de tour saillante et qui n'est pas protégée par ses flancs.

Cette place extraordinaire est très foible par differens endroits, les montagnes seules sont de difficile accès, mais si éloignées les unes des autres, qu'elles ne peuvent se protéger mutuellement.