

will not be less yielding to the Dutch, than you have been to the other belligerent powers. Perhaps you may even carry your generosity so far, as to bind this country to "procure" a district of territory round Negapatam, similar to those promised to France round their two principal settlements. That you may conceive it wise or equitable, to restore to Holland all her establishments in the kingdom of Bengal, as well as on the coasts of Coromandel and Malabar, I can suppose—but, I trust, my Lord, that you will not dare to sport so far with the great interests of the English people, or tempt their resentment and indignation so far, as ever to restore to the Dutch the Harbour of Trincomalé. Report, however, which unquestionably wrongs you, has ventured to attribute to you intentions of this nature;—nay, it has gone further, and insinuated, that a late resignation at the head of the Board of Admiralty, which this kingdom much regrets, originated, at least partially, from a prescience and a disapproval of your Lordship's resolutions on this important point.