

## CHRONICLE.

## FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

*Bengal, March 9.*

A Great fire broke out this morning in the square of the fort, where the artificers work, which consumed the whole building; but the progress was stopped by the indefatigable endeavours of Colonel Pearse, the commandant, otherwise the whole garrison might have suffered.

The square was about three hundred feet on each side—the lower part of the building was work-shops, and the upper store-rooms for tents, fixt ammunition, gun-carriages, and small stores. The fire communicated to all the sides nearly at the same instant; it began at the painter's shop, and run through the carpenter's to the place where the carriages were; many of which are saved, with a quantity of fixt ammunition; but all the tents, amounting in value to about one lack, together with stores and gun-carriages, tumbrils, &c. in the whole to three lacks, are destroyed; likewise some stores, arms, and clothing, belonging to the 73d regt. valued at sixty thousand rupees. The building cost about one lack; but as the articles are chiefly country made, except the tents, they will be easily replaced.

The supreme court on Saturday last decided an equity cause, in which Mr. Humphreys, the painter, who sometime ago resided in this country, was complainant, and Sir John Macpherson, defendant.

The suit was brought against Sir John for the supposed value of some paintings, in which the defendant had been employed by the recommendation and introduction given him by Sir John, at the Durbar of Oude—an act of friendship which was seconded by assurances of procuring him payment.

Mr. Humphreys painted five pictures at Lucknow, and received 5000s Rs. for his labour, but not thinking this sufficient, he made an estimate of the value of his time which he computed at 2000 rupees per week for 23 and an-half weeks from the time of receiving his credentials at Calcutta, to the period of his departure from Lucknow—this sum amounted to 47,000 rupees, which he demanded of Sir John Macpherson in consequence of his letters.

Golaum Kadir, who put out the eyes of the Great Mogul, after having been taken prisoner by Scindia, has through his orders had his eyes pulled out, and his legs and arms cut off alive; but he did not

survive this terrible and just execution long.

Accounts have been received from Vizagapatnam of the loss of the India trader, Captain Kepling, in a heavy gale, bound for Pegu, and of the miraculous escape of the captain and four of the crew.

Sixteen men, including the captain, lashed themselves to a raft, on which they did not, however, commit themselves, till about a minute before the vessel went down. In this situation, without rest, and with little food, they continued for nine days, the sea frequently washing over them, and, for a great part of the time, within sight of land, though they were not discernible from the shore.

Despair, famine, and fatigue, drove most of them distracted, when they plunged themselves into the ocean and put an end to their sufferings.

At length the five fortunate survivors made Vizagapatam, where they were treated with the greatest care and humanity.

The captain alone bore his fate with fortitude, and his strength was the least exhausted of any of the survivors.

*Vienna, July 25:* The Emperor's fever is considerably abated, and yesterday his Majesty was so well as to be able to take an airing with an open carriage.

*August 10.* We have accounts from the frontiers of Turkey, that no sooner was the deposed Grand Vizier returned to Constantinople than he was put under arrest in his palace, and was soon given to understand that his possessions, which are valued at 20,000 purses, or two millions of ducats, were confiscated, and on the 19th he received orders to go to the Palace of the Kaimakan, at the door of which the Sultan's guard seized him, and caused him to be beheaded. His head was exposed to public view for three days with this inscription over it, 'This is the fate of Traitors.' Shortly after this his brother, mother, and wives were brought to the torture, to make them confess where the treasures of their relation was to be found. This family, who enjoyed the entire confidence of the late Sultan Abdul Hamed, is accused of having designed to poison the reigning Sultan. Such severity on the part of Selim, makes him rather feared than loved.

*Tirelmont, July 26.* A very serious insurrection in this city gives great disturbance to the government. The occasion is as follows; the Mayor having received orders from government to arrest a patriot refugee, who was formerly a Major of the patriotic militia, he found means under