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with the English; and finding that his dilatory performance of his obligations by treaty, and his frequent prevarications and tokens of dislike, from the very moment of his signing that treaty, indicated his intention to be bad, they thought it a proper and necessary measure to renew hostilities with the Indians: the Viceroy having given them sufficient reasons to do themselves justice by way of arms.

Remarks
thereon.

How a war in these circumstances would have been justified, which was to be undertaken, and must have been in a great measure depending upon the success of the army by land; an army that did not exceed 2300 men, including 1600 Blacks, against the whole strength of the kingdom of Bengal and its allies, is not conceivable. But here we may properly apply the old proverb, *Audaces fortuna juvat*. The brave are fortunate. A lucky, unforeseen, unexpected accident helps out the little army of conquerors in their desires. It was decreed that they should be the scourge of that tyrant, that inhuman barbarian, who, a few months before, took a pleasure in the tragedy of Calcutta.

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While, therefore, the commanders, &c. were consulting about the expediency and practicability of so great and hazardous an undertaking, which, with success, would deliver the company from the difficulties, under which they were often obliged to yield to the caprice and impositions of the Nabob and his officers; and, in a manner, make them masters of the whole trade of the kingdom of Bengal:

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