

in an insolent manner. This was checked by the coming up of a superior officer of revenue, who informed me that there were cots in every house; but neither offers of payment, nor threats of complaint, were of more avail than humanity.' This inhospitality partly proceeded from their hatred to the Seapoys of the Bombay army.

At *Heriuru* our author's cook died. 'When this man was taken ill,' says he, 'I had given orders to secure his effects for the benefit of his wife and children; but, on inspection after his death, no money could be found. Whether he had been plundered as soon as he became insensible, and that a guilty conscience occasioned fears among his companions, or whether the sudden manner of his death occasioned suspicions, I cannot say; but it was immediately believed that he would become a *pysachi*, and all my people were filled with terror. The butler imagined, that the *pysachi* appeared to him at night with a black silk handkerchief tied round its head, and gave him instructions to take all the effects of the deceased to his family; upon this, the butler, being a man of courage, put his shoes at the right side of the door, which he considered to be a sure preventative against such intruders. Next night a cattle-driver, lying in all the agonies of nocturnal terror, saw the appearance of a dog enter, and smell round the place where the man had died; when, to his utter dismay, the spectre gradually grew larger and larger, and at length, having assumed the form of the cook, vanished with a shriek. The poor man had not the courage to use the slippers, but lay till morning in a kind of stupor. After this, even the minds of the Seapoys were appalled; and when I happened to be awake, I heard the sentries, by way of keeping up their courage, singing with a tremulous voice.'

Dr. Buchanan, having surveyed the central parts of Mysore, set out from Seringapatam on his return to Madras. At *Cancon-hully* was a temple said to have been founded many hundred thousand years ago. Previous to the invasion by lord Cornwallis, the country was well cultivated. The devastation was commenced by Tippoo, who blew up the works in order to prevent them from being useful to the