

the company a lease of the Salt Petre of Patna, which had been a perpetual bone of contention between them and the Dutch; and he rewarded the army and the fleet with a present of 625,000 l. sterling; besides immense riches in jewels, &c. bestowed on the officers, amongst which was a turban valued at 18,000 l.—It was this action that merited the public title of the *heaven born general*, which all the world can't take from the commander in chief, then Colonel, now Lord Clive, who, untutored in the art of war, performed heroic and more advantageous actions in the field than any of his cotemporaries, whose achievements are recorded with the blood of hundreds of thousands left in the field of battle, at the vast expence of many millions of money, and with the dissatisfactory accumulation of heavy taxes. Colonel Clive returned to his native country full of glory and riches, to reap the favours of a grateful nation. His Majesty created him a Lord.—The company settled a large pension upon him. But Admiral Watfon, after establishing a great and lasting reputation for his wisdom, his courage, and his humanity, was cut off by the unwhol-fomeness of the climate, very soon^p after the days of rejoicing for this signal victory were over. By whose death the chief command in those seas devolved on Admiral Pocock.

Great as these advantages seem to be, they were considered only colateral to the grand object of

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^p On the 16th of August 1757.