

men under the command of Major Monson, and immediately disembarked part of them. The besiegers fired very smart upon the town the first part of the night; but before day-light they raised the siege, and marched off; and taking their rout by Ogmore, destroyed the powder-mills. After their departure, were found in the batteries and places adjacent upwards of 40 pieces of cannon, but very few of them serviceable, no less than 33 of them having been destroyed by our artillery. By the last advices received at Madras of the enemy, they were in the neighbourhood of Arcot, to which place our troops were preparing to follow them with all possible expedition. By an intercepted letter from M. Lally to Mr. De Leyrit (a translation of which is annexed) it appears he despaired of succeeding, and had determined to put in flames the houses of the Black Town, had he not been prevented by the timely arrival of the ships. Capt. Kempenselt, in his letter to Vice-admiral Pocock, says, the gallant defence made by the garrison was owing to the indefatigable vigilance and bravery of Col. Draper and Major Brereton, together with the prudence, resolution and generosity of Mr. Pigot, who disposed of the management of all stores and provisions in such a manner that every thing was, from the regularity of it, speedily supplied; and at the same time, all waste prevented: he frequently visited the works every day, and was liberal to all who signalized themselves.

Vice-admiral Pocock, in his letter dated the 22d of March last, in Bombay, gives an account, that Col. Ford, with the Bengal detachment, had obtained a complete victory, near Muffulipatam, over the Marquis de Conflans, whom M. Bussy left with the command of the troops to the northward, and that it was expected he would soon be in possession of that place.

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