## SHORT CHRONICLE

OF EVENTS.

February 20, 1772.

FOREIGN.

After the public had waited with great impatience for news from India, by the arrival of the Swallow packet, that impatience has been in part abapacket, which arrived three days before the meeting of parliament, the Madras courier, has as October 15. by which, affairs in India are represented to be in a situation much more than we had any reason to expect; and suth parts of L. Cornwallis's dispatches as have been made public concur in cherifiing the same ideas, altho' we were formerly told, that in the liasty retreat from Seringapatam, and the still more hasty march of general Abercrombie, the British train of artillery, and baggage, were in both cases abandoned, and that the army had suffered very much from famine and fatigue; yet that VOL. vii.

ready to take the field, as soon as the dry season' sets in, with the most assured prospect of success. We are told that Tippoo, who carried his whole army and baggage across the ted, in a manner highly satisfac-tory to the minister. By this my, with scarcely any loss, is now reduced to the most deplorable distrefs; that he has neither resources of money nor of been brought over as low down men; yet it has happened that scarcely one deserter has left him to join the enemy. How these accounts and facts are to favourable for the British arms be reconciled, time will dis-

We were told, before the war began, that Tippoo was one of the most crucl despots that ever ruled over a nation; that he was so much dishlad by all his subjects, that he would be infallibly deserted by his whole people, as soon as any army should appear in the country, powerful enough to afford his subjects protection against his fury. We now know that all these assertions have still, as if it had raised battering been contradicted by the most cannon from heaven, they are undeniable facts. His troops

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