

of Holland, we should long since have ceased to retain a single settlement or possession on the Coast of Coromandel.

Suffrein would have remained in that harbour during the monsoon, when Sir Edward Hughes must have been under a necessity of retiring to Bombay. What the destructive consequences of such a necessity must have been, it would be nugatory to attempt to prove. Madras must have fallen irrecoverably; the northern Circars would have followed; and all the English dominions, from the Western extremity of Bengal to Cape Comorin, must have been for ever lost to the Crown and the Company. I would not willingly, my Lord, add supposititious charges to those, for which I know you to be already answerable to your country; and I shall therefore suspend my opinion on this feature of the Treaty, till we are made acquainted with it's final adjustment.

At the termination of the late glorious war, it was regarded as one of the very essential advantages secured to England by the treaty of Fontainbleau, that the gum trade would