

As if the contest was not yet sufficiently unequal, Spain joined her unweildy strength to that of the elder branch of the House of Bourbon, and co-operating with her in naval exertion, covered the ocean with a navy hitherto unseen in the present century. The armada of Philip seemed to revive anew, while the fleet of England, accustomed to vanquish, *fled even* at the entrance of her own harbours.—But the climax of war was not yet compleated. The imbecility and insanity of our Councils in the East, invited new enemies, and seemed to provoke destruction. While a lethargy appeared to pervade the government of Madras, from which no exhortations could rouse, or information awake them, Hyder Ally, a name not confined in its renown to the eastern world, and who might have rivalled Tamerlane or Zinges in his conquests, had he been equally favoured by circumstances,—Hyder, after long preparations, which afforded time for every species of defence on our part, at length broke in upon the unprepared and defenceless Carnatic, cut in pieces the detached corps before they could unite to oppose his progress, and carried terror and victory wherever he appeared.—