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4th Dec^r

1790

Calcutta

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Tuesday 4th Dec.

attended at the Court house
was not drawn for the Grand
Jury

Some imagine that Buonaparte
may establish him self in Egypt
Jewish merchants had laid in
provisions for eight months for
the French army. It is asked
how did the English establish
their power in India? may not
the French with a much greater
force more easily establish them
selves in Egypt? - The cars are
very deficient, the English establish

them selves gradually, by com-
mune, and by assisting one Nelson
power attacked by another

It appears certain that it was
the intention of the French ~~and~~
in the Virginia Service to have
joined D'Esparb or any French force
that might appear in the country
troops brought to Bonaire by

Tricolored Flag - Crescent -
French Sword and Cap of Liberty -

No certain accounts from Egypt
since the Dispatches brought by
Lieut. Paves -

Capt. Bunker and Mr. Nelson
called - the former left two Orders
to be registered - rate ascertained -

At Home - began observation on
the occultation of a Star, this Star

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Wednesday 5 Dec^r 1790
Cloudy morning - Militia
paraded -

This day Col. Armstrong began
working for me at the rate of
Rupus p^r Month or - Day
- with Mr. Taylor - Messrs
Baillie and Simpson - Mr.
Brick wants his company to
attend at the Drill every day
some in the morning some
in the evening -

+ It is possible that Buonaparte
may have sent a Dispatch
to the Director on purpose
to be taken - The out General
the August - General in several
instances, why not W. Nelson?

Thursday 8 Dec 1798
Begin putting up the seats
propose giving a few evenings
and a morning exhibition —
propose to make an inflamm-
able balloon of about 6 feet in
diameter to be filled with
air made from the steam of
boiling water — Apparatus to
be constructed — Jile dust and
Linnings ordered — The white
China silk will ~~be~~ answer for
the balloon
+ with Mr. Francklin —
Association Society — proposition
expressed to the Society to be dissolved
at next meeting. —

Friday 7 Dec 1798
R with Mr. Francklin —
Saw young Francklin for the
first time —
— Mr. Bently called — Tolley
he advised 120 tickets —
Leo Clarke and as many more
Mr. Mordaunt bought in
paid for Francklin in the
columns — G. W. —
— with Mr. Baillie — Capⁿ
Barnet son to my old friend
Bishop Barnet —
+ The new Oration is scarce
is performed with great difficulty
even by the military who are
constantly at it — if no use
in practice —

No reason why in marching
the left foot is always ^{made} first —
Step is thirteen inches — It is not
always necessary to wear the moccasins
off the ground — ~~#~~ Practise differs
in some particulars in different
kinds of boots —

Three months it is said was given
to Tippecanoe to answer some charges
with respect to a treaty with the
French — The line has expired
and war ^{on land} is determined on
such is the report of the day —
— Lord Bromley is getting a superb
seat erected for him in the church —
Two ramps are making in the
church yard to save the trouble of
walking up the steps!! Try this
the church yard will be much dis-
figured

Saturday 8th Dec 1798
One year more is gone! —
I have now seen fifty two revolutions
of the Sun — Now passing the
variegated scenes of life! —
How often are the schemes
we have projected defeated! —
— I thank heaven that I am
now in a situation to pay
my debts and to be able to retire
on the remainder —

+ with Mr. Harrington & 2 Company -
- Aolitus - Chelma Buonaparte
has hitherto engaged in visionary
schemes? Must he not have al-
ready had all the difficulties with which
he must struggle in his progress
to India? Contradictory reports
concerning the passage from Mev
over the desert - water - grain -
- Republics have always been more
despotic than monarchies -
- Religion necessary to Government
- How then does China maintain
its excellent Gov. without any
established Religion? -

Sunday 9th Decr 1790

+ with Mr. Baillie -
- Angelo's School for fencing,
re-published by Mr B - figures
in outline only - Guthrie's
account of Bengal extremely
imperfect -
+ A card to attend the ball
on the King's Birth Day
at the Theatre - Monday 17th Inst
- Mr. Watson of the Engineers
called - bought Euler's Algebra
a most excellent work and seems
better calculated for beginners, and
at the same time for perfecting
the student than any work of
the kind extant -

+ with Mr Lee - Mr and Mrs H -
Mr. Muddy -

+ Elephant - many anecdotes -
The man who springs first on
his back in the Enclosure, must
not lay body over with Elephants
dung -

- When two Elephants fight, they
at first appear to play with
their trunks & back they twist
round each other, and try their
strength by pushing, if the one proves
much stronger than the other he
then attempts the ~~old~~ weakest en-
deavour to decide the engage-
ment - Should they be nearly
equal, the battle commences with
blows from the trunks - The tusks
are of no use but rather the
contrary -

- Two Buffaloes are considered as
a match for ^{one} ~~one~~ Elephant
The Buffalo holds his fore head
almost flat with the ground
in order to bring his horns into
a proper position for going the
width of Elephant, which in his
great endeavours either to twist
his trunk round ~~the~~ one of
the B's horns, which he breaks
in pieces, or to strike him
across the back with his trunk,
when the Buffalo generally falls.
The Elephant, instantly attacks
the other in like manner -
If the Buffalo succeeds in going
the Elephant in the breast or
under part of his neck, he gene-
rally kills the Elephant, for
in this case the trunk can be

A no one —

A Tiger and a Buffalo are
an equal match — when they
first approach each other they
will sometimes remain eyeing
each other for several minutes,
before they engage — The Buffalo
endeavours to gore the Tiger belly
and the Tiger attempts to get
on the back of the Buffalo,
if he succeeds the Buffalo can
not shake him off and is
consequently killed — The
Tiger in springing on the
back of the Buffalo, must neces-
sarily have his head towards
the Buffalo's tail — he runs
some risk in turning which he
must do, to gain the victory —

He leaves the neck and back
of the Buffalo in safety —

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Monday 10 Dec^r 1790

Visit from Mr. Head - informs
me that Mr. Taylor was going to
Sethel -

Mr. Edie - another scheme of yours
to America to make salt -

Mr. Spalding - cavalry with
expensive - two hours required -

+ At 7 o'clock - at Mr. Weyburn
as to Savary's letters for
Egypt - said by A. Mounier
to be the best -

- The victory of the French expedition
into Egypt under Louis the 11th
given by Mr. Savary, it is the first
part resembles much what has
happened to Buonaparte -

+ Observation of the Star
Lake of the regulator 42" feet

Monday 11th Dec^r 1790 -

Compared the three Chron^s -

9^h 1/2 a.m. Th^r. Lect^r room - 67^o

Borrowed J. Newton's Astronomy
- a lesson on the Progress
of Venus by a Novitiate -

+ with Mr. Baillie -

+ a packet said to be arrived
over land from England.

News. The French driven out
of Holland - Emperor about
to commence hostilities -

Buonaparte in the desert -
a letter in his captured entrenchment
that he had only 12000 men
remaining the rest had perished
in the desert - sands!! This
last intelligence seems doubtful

- Perhaps Buonaparte may
be attempted his old plans
to Duce, where was his letter
interrupted? in what Desert was
the French Army —
+ with M. Drummond on
the Evening —

^{the}
Wed Dec 12th 1801
- Abstract of the Campaign news
in this Days Memo —
- Buonapartes Army reduced
to 12000 — Com. with Cairo
cut off — expected to fall on
any force to the Arabs —
Nelson had sailed to the West
supposed for Malta — left by
shops of the Nile to block up
the transports — Porte had
declared war against France
French Arab: and Sicily in-
fernal in the seven towns
- Rebellion in ^{England} nearly at
an end — Norway changed —
Emp. of Germany had declared
war against France — Russia

had joined the Emp of G^{ya}
Mr. Latta had actually com:
hostilities —
— Second Report on the present
crisis —
+ called at Mr. Franklin's office —

Thursday 13th Dec 1798
Compared the Court's
12th Octo — The ————— 7 1/4
Nyg. ————— 5 1/2 M

Capt. Binney called for his
the rate 1/6 per foot —
+ with J. Dick — Mr. M — 6
M^{rs}. M — 6 on B — 12
— It is said that A. M. goes
to the coast merely to have the
honour of the transaction with
Tippoo — that ~~the~~ ~~more~~ ~~alone~~ is to be
taken at any rate — that it
appears unjust and of present
impolitic to force Tippoo into
a war —

- on the other hand it is
alleged that much time will
be saved by the G. G. being
on the spot, a month ahead
for every capture -

Friday 14th Decr - 1798
3 Report on the manual
Exercise -
+ with Mr Bailli - Capt^l and
Mr. Burnett - Mr Taylor -
+ Contract for supplying the
Sea boys with Salt beef!!
- another for Primmstone -
x Nov for Neolin - instead of
which - Primmstone as best
for a Scotch saddle. - - -
+ Michoud Est^{le} Trou bridge has
destroyed the French transports
upon which attempted to reach
Alexandria, but failed - a great
number of French killed -
Nata his vessel was against
France - Super fleet of 14th Decr

of the line had arrived at
Constantinople to join the
Turkish fleet destined for the
Mediterranean - French Amb^s
and Suite imprisoned in the
Seven Towers - a report pro-
ceeded at Constantinople where
the report left it that a
French fleet of six Ships of the
line nine frigates and several
transports with fresh troops &
stores for Buonapartes Army
had fallen in with an English
squadron, supposed to be Nelsons
and were all captured in Dardanelles
- that Malte and Alexandria
were in possession of the English
that the treasure of Malte had
fallen into our hands by the
capture of a French Frigate -

The Rebellion in Ireland nearly
over - Norway, Colchester, and
Sir: Crozer, the latter worth 5000
£ p An; were all taken in a Cave
and condemned and executed by
military Law -
+ England Prussia and the Pope
had united against the French
and it was believed that Prussia
Sweden and Denmark with the
Emperor would join this alliance
The French tyranny draws
near its termination -
- war inevitable between Russia
and France -

Saturday 15th Dec 1790
Out in A.P. to Reading -
+ at home - The capture of
Louis the 9th in the 18th century
resembled in many
circumstances that of Psuona -
pade into Egypt. It ended fatal -
ly for the greater part of the
French troops -

Sunday 16th Dec 1790
Visit from Capt. Burnett and
Mr. Baillie -
Report that Tippoo is ready
to make any concessions he shall
then enter into a war with the
English -

Monday 17th Dec 1790

8 $\frac{3}{4}$ a.m. Ther ——— 66
Hyg ——— 20^m.

Wet - sensation -

Lines from Capt. Saker and
Mr. Turing - The latter returns
to the Coast, not benefited by
the air of Madras -

Has written a memorandum
of my lodging, Wolvach ground
and Zennith sector -
- Letter from Towns to
Mr. Forsyth -

+ with Mr. Ferlic - Shabby cloths
given to poor Mitchell-men - not
ready in time - no attention
paid, but to the flunk company

Tuesday 18th Dec 1790

Ther ——— 65^o
Hyg ——— 23^m.

Amate very cold -

+ at Theatre last night - King's
birth day - Room ornamented
with a profusion of torches

Governor of the Colony -

I did not wait supper -
+ with Mr. Pelli - Mr. Worspin
pamphlet recommended by Mr. B.
- What reason is there for the

prohibitive meeting every morning
to drill why so great a hurry
should ~~be~~ ^{they} come to practice in
private between the days of
meeting - As Mr. goes to the coast
a proper measure - well see
time -

1790th

Wednesday 19 - Dec

10 a.m. Pres. in Lect. Room. 67^o

Visit from Capt. Pountler
also from Capt. Probertson.

manuscript review

+ with Capt. Brough - Capt.

and Mr. Aiken - Mr. Young

and another Gent^l

Musi - dancing

+ Report has changed, Zippori

subscribes letter into the follow

" that the moment the British

" troops set foot in his country

" he will lay the whole country

" waste with his bow to the gate

" of Madras - That he is not unanxious
" about Seringapatam for his breast
" as in the bill for which the
" English cannot take."
N.B. This more probable than the former

1790th

Thursday 20 Dec

Pres. at 9 - 66^o

Myg. Ad - 12m

+ visit from Messrs. Fromson

and Forsyth

+ A number of widows are

sent every ^{month} and almost every

wick up the country - An

Geographical writer on India

alleges that the custom is now

done away - A Law for

mitting widows to marry would

effectually put a stop to this

terrible sacrifice - What a

pity that there is not an appeal
for widows who refuse to
re-marry, before the ceremony

- The bite of a jackal is often attended with a hydrophobia
 The Indians say that a scum or fetid matter appears on the water for some days after the bite and sometimes a young Jackal!!
 A Man happens in three days from the time the person was bitten he will remain in health but if it does not appear in that time he will certainly go mad.
- The microscope a useful instrument in the hands of a missionary - it shows that the Indians kill and eat innumerable animals -
- The microscope might be applied to examining the urine of a person bit with a jackal.
- Gen. M. Thomas a few grains or seeds of the sup-

posed poisons - to get the country name, and history -

- The Indians are not now so averse to European medicines as formerly - many persons who have been brought to ex-pire on the banks of the Ganges, have been cured and returned by Mr. Thomas -

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Friday 21 Oct
 Sent to Capⁿ Bury to be
 oranges - to collect and pre-
 serve the juice for punch -
 - Saw Ripon from the Sergeant
 + with Mr. Upjohn - Mr. Brown
 born in Greece - came with her
 mother when young to this country.
 - High shoes worn by the Ladies
 at Cairo - Travelling
 different manners - Caravans
 Camel - young Camel -
 Handkerchief - longer than broad
 two ends loaded with diamonds
 pearls, embroidery &c. Even the
 Lady carries it in her hand
 holding it by the middle -
 plays with it by gently beating
 her favorites. -

- Mr. Thomas called in the
 evening -
 - The belief in witchcraft is uni-
 versal thro' Asia - given its
 origin? -

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Saturday 22nd Dec^r
 Custom - Capt. Nuttall - Mr. Edin
 returned to him Mr. Crisp's bot.
 paper in the Mineral Gar-
 -coveid the seats in the Lecture
 room with writing -
 - Read a paper from Mr. Thoms -
 accompanied with the silver
 insect which feeds on the Beau-
 ble tree flowers - It appears
 beautiful in the microscope -
 offered me a Hemisomon -
 referred -
 + At home -

Sunday 23rd 1798

+ with Mr. Upjohn -
 Mr. W - Mr. B - y -
 Several new publications in the
 engraving line - none of any
 great value -

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Monday 24th Dec 1798

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Tuesday 25th Dec
This day has attracted the at-
tention and observance of all
Christendom - On this day Jesus
Christ was born - The supposed
son of God - What - how the
great first cause a Son? - and
was this son a man, united
to a God? -

- Visit from Mr. Baiter -

+ with Mrs. Dick

- whether the West India
Islands are really a benefit to
Great Britain - necessary for
us as - Sailors in cold climate
more hardy than in warm;
- but the best evidence is a warm
unhealthy climate -

Wednesday 26th Dec^r

9 a.m. Thur
Fly of 62
3 m.

Temperature - very cold -

Visit of Captⁿ Butler, M^r Sp-9
and M^r B-y - The Captⁿ
express to sail by the 10th of next
month -

A. M. it is said has carried
a crew (100 men) of Prospers. The
18th Cent school will close in
Feb^r - Gov^t is taking ^{boards} up on
few cases on the consulting plan
at 2/6 the six weeks, at 2
months right - some of the
agency houses give 2/9 at 3
months right!!

Delivered a packet to Mrs
Crucifix for M^r M^rms, containing
besides ^{only one} two letters to from M^r
Forsyth to M^r Low Secretary to
the Missionary Society -

It is necessary to have a permit
from Gov^t to go on board any
ship for England -

- Subscribers list returned with
5 subscribers -

+ at home -

- Evening - Inaction one of
person between M^r - 9 and his
wife -

Monday 27th Decr 1790
A long walk before breakfast
Now careful the nation are to ex-
clude the cold air from their
mouths and to wash and brush
the teeth. The Court hears news
omits this morning exercise, —
As invention is over in the streets
it is now said that the reason
of G. M.'s going to the Coast
is a misunderstanding existing
between him and G. M.
+ with Mr. Baillie. It is
reported that Gordon has
deser'd with 20,000 Madras Men
to the Rockillas — And that
this is the cause of the motions
of the Company's troops in the
Northern Provinces

Friday 20th Decr 1790
A Gentleman called in order to
begin the Lunar observations
+ with Mr. Fairlie —

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Saturday 29 Dec^r

Long walk Chitpore road -
B with Mr M -

+ with Mr W. John - Mr B -

- Christians not permitted to ride
on horseback in Egypt - Jack
oper and Mules used - paper
very large and pretty -

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Sunday 30 Dec^r

B with Mr Fairlie - alone

- Explanation from Mr Watling

+ with Mr Baillie - Mr N. Pitt

- Report says that our Gov^t
means to insist on Tippoo's
surrendering the French officers &
troops in his pay, and permitting
a resident - Should this be
not accorded to, - war -

Cascotta
Monday 31st Dec^r 1798

7 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. Thw. in the west
window of the Lecture room 54^o
Insulation - very cold -
- M. G. Ferguson began Lecture

Cascotta 1799
Tuesday 1st Jan^y

New year ushered in by a Salute
from the Ramparts of Fort W^m

Reflections

My views at present are but
little favorable to increasing my
fortune - I have done nothing
during last year - The sale
of my apparatus will be no
easy matter at the present time

+ Rent for M. M^r Taylor
miniature painter a Office
Franklin's Library and Co for 60s
J. B. 1 Cent from
+ with M^r Wraith M^r Taylor
Preston, Morris, Sherriff and Deighton

Wednesday 2 Jan^r 1799
- wrote to Mr. Taylor at Calcutta
with Mr. Wigham - Mr. Brown
- Mr. Walker -
+ ~~with Mr.~~

Thursday 3 Jan^r 1799
(at) a Mr. Wigham - - - -
+ a shot from Mr. Wigham - Wigham
cannot attend her - Down the river
+ at home - Marriage day -
Mr. M'Kinley in family - Mr.
o Maria
+ W - 7 Mark - Dream -
- The 33 Regiment from Madras - It appears they
were promised some particular
Batta in Bengal which they
Lt. Cornwallis, which was withheld
at Madras. The men insisted on
it, declaring they would not
march without it - Artillery was
brought out in action commenced
in which it is reported a num-
ber of Sepoys and Soldier lost
their lives - Paper all silent -

Mrs C - x lived with Mr M - y
for some time before he was mar-
ried -

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Friday 4 Jan 1799
I had the Scotch machine
Nairn's set for the first time
this season - acts well - Elect.
rins high and jar charges
well and yet the speak is very
small -
- with Mr Baillie -

Saturday 5th Jan 1799

Employed this morning in
preparing the Pneumatic and
Electric Apparatus —

— at home —

— Evening Messrs D^r and Edie —

60 or 70 families in Bombay
scattered over the Island —

A lecture was given, Mr D^r thinks
he gave in the morning.

— Oratorio this evening — full
house — well off tolerably well
much condemned by a mis-
sionary Genl. of our country here.

Sunday 6th Jan 1799

with Mr. W. Johnson —

Letter from Mr C — to the
of Mr. W. — Johnson!!

— Capt. C — ^{first} conversation with

Mr. W. — in Room the use
of the Theodolite and Cross quills!!

Capt. C — is forming his map
of Hindostan — from patches taken

from various maps, and reduced
by a row of squares to his own

scale — quite what is the
use of taking it so great an extent

as that of Hindostan on one
map? —

— Mr. F. showed me a number of
Bengal and English Muskens
the former the best whens — facts —

Monday ^{the} 7th Jan^r 1799

Employed in preparing the
solid part of the apparatus
for cleaning - A letter
from M. Chalmers - to begin
to review -

- with M. Baillie - Dried seeds
- very cheap this season -

- Very thick fog in the evening
smell very offensive - eyes much
pained by it - guess what quality
does fog possess, that produces
such an effect on the eyes?

Monday 8 Jan^r 1799 -
Clean began on the traps
apparatus -
- carried the water advertisement
from the Coffee House to M.
Thibault - bought a pocket
rule for 4 M^s -
+ at home - Evening had observed
a number of accretions -

Wednesday 9 Jan
Committee of papers met at
the Secretary's house - could
not attend - sent my opinion
on the propositions to be sub-
mitted to the Society -
+ with Mr. Spalding -
Dispute between Mr. M. and Mr.
B. - - - - -

Thursday 10 Jan 1799
- with Mr. W. Johnson -
- advertised my lecture in the
Colombo Gazette - Day not paid
+ Asiatic Society - Forten proposi-
tions - Gilbert's Disposal of
- This morning Mr. Edie and
a called to show me
an instrument to super-
sede the present Azimuth
Compass and Sextant - I will
not answer any one of the many
purposes for which it is intended

Friday 11th Jan^y 1899
Purchased a lot of Burmah
Lacquered ware at Capt. Cox's
Sale -

Sub. now 35 - advertised
in the Telegraph, to commence
on the 22nd Inst. -

+ At home Mr. T. - to dinner with in
- report says that the meeting
at ~~London~~ on the least actually
did take place - So contradictory,
I've seen the reports, that there
is no knowing what to believe -
+ Dr. letter from Mr. Taylor

Saturday 12th Jan^y - 99
Weather perceptibly warmer -
+ 40 subscribers -
+ with Mr. Duncan - Mr. Rait
and Mr. Purves -

Sunday 13th Jan. 1798

Monday 14th Jan. 1798

Miss Capt. Curgeney & Mr. Bingley

44 Subscribers —

Covered the seats with green cloth

— with Mr. Upjohn — Mr. J. M.

B — and Mr. H —

Evening went to Mr. B's — Bangalore

when he and Mr. B were married

by Mr. Linnard — forget!!

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Tuesday 15 Jan^r 1799

+ with Mr. U -

- Sky has been somewhat cloudy for two days past

+ @ $\frac{1}{4}$ p.m. many mottled clouds - soon expect rain at this time in which case it is said that the weather will be much colder than it has yet been this season -

- W - and wife speaking -

This must not continue -
+ very thick fog this morning from $\frac{1}{2}$ before sun rise till near sun set -

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Wednesday 16 Jan^r 1799

visit of Mr. With Engine and anchor Gunt -

- Received from Mr. Nelly Burton a letter from Miss Dalton of date 22 March 1798. and one from Mr. Ware 3 Jun 1790. along with a Gold Chronometer, which Mr. N. has sold - He pretends that at St Helena he heard I had passed that Island homeward - that he learned his mistake only yesterday (15th Jan^r 1799) tho' he has been in town a month and I have been adourting in the Publick papers for a week past -

- Cloudy - seems to prognosticate rain, which in this month is said to be the forenoon of hot weather

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Thursday 17 Jan 1793

Finished the rolling cylinder
sent from Messrs Carey, Thomas
and Capt. — Air of India
impregnated either with Sulphur
or some other substance sufficient
ly to vegetate — The Vine and
some other plants require to be
defended from the wind —

Hot winds are reckoned healthy
very sultry in the morning
but cool at night —

+ Little Mr. Baillie —

+ A hill in Thibet Mr. Carey
says can be seen at Madras

= 300 miles distance — This
would require a height = 12
miles!! — If true, the greatest
part of the effect must be owing

to an unusually great re-
fraction —

+ Inoculation for the small
pox is ^{in India} performed by making
a number of punctures on
the arm — a less operation
much more painfull than
that performed in Europe —

— There are Mr. C. y. supposes
many more desert plants
in India. He has sent some
to Mr. Bower a Professor
Gardner, and several Instruments
of Agriculture —

+ Mr. R. — a fine Drum Drum
— originally from ~~India~~ —
From Batavia on the Indian

Friday 18th Jan 1999
Cloudy - looks like rain but
some time heavier in the north
- Muskeles very large and very
troublesome -

- 3 more subscribers 47
in all -
- at 5 p.m. very black clouds
and thunder for the first time
this cold season, to the N.W.
ward S. Eth -

Thunder storm N. westward
Flashes - nearest $\approx 8''$
shown lasted from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{4}$
p.m.

Saturday 19th Jan
at 8^h a.m. Thermometer - 44°
- sensation very cold -
- with Mr. Preece - observed
on the globe - repairs -
+ with Mr. W -
- Our invitation to dine with
Mr. and Mrs. Brown Chesapeake
to morrow - engaged -

Sunday 20th Jan - 1799

^{help}
Mr B - at very sore from his
bruises - Sent an advertisement
to the India Gazette, to begin
on Tuesday the 29th
at 2^{1/2} p.m. Then ——— left

was about very cold —
- at home - Mr Th - 1

Monday 21st Jan. 1798

- Mr B - called after the parade
- Troops from the Cape arrived
at Madras -

The young man late Nabob,
paid a visit to Mr Cherry
our resident, at Beniar.
Mr Davis and several other
English Gentl. met to see
The Nabob struck off Mr Cherry's
head, and some other English
Gentlemen are said to have been
murdered. Mr Davis fled to the
Turret of the house where he
defended himself till assistance
was brought.

Dr. Gilbert appointed Professor
of Languages to the Company's
servants - to live in the Barracks.
+ A packet overboard -

Report says that 700 French
men had landed in Ireland - on
board three Frigates - The Frigates are
taken - King of Prussia had refused
to join the Conspiracy against France
and had refused permission to march
Prussian troops through his domi-
nions - The destruction of the Trans-
ports by Capt. Troubridge not con-
firmed - Another intercepted letter
of Buonaparte's describes Egypt
as a fine fertile country - The
Prussian and Russian Treaties having
just not yet confirmed - Such
is the report of this morning - Nothing
is yet published -

- Capt. Parry carried away
his watch small Chronometer
which was found at 10th Paris
instead of 5th this day at 12th Paris
- Vint from Messrs. Lee, Thomas
Smithly - Capt. Robertson -
Capt. R. sent his two Chrono-
meters to ascertain their rate -
- Mr. B. has got possession
of a book on Astronomy of the
old System which he has sent
after - He thinks also that
Ottomys' Alphabet has been
translated into Sanscrit -
+ with Mr. Baillie -
+ Telegraph Expedition
news mentioned already -
which are said 700 men landed
in Ireland, chiefly officers - Genl.

Lake had met with a Check
but J. Comdant had joined him
with a considerable body of troops
and the surrender of the Enemy was
immediately effected.

+ Mr. Bentley brought me the
Sya Surajah Sedhanta
which he had got copied
for me for two papers of
Dris of Copying 1000 Shikas
for one rupee.

Jis in Sansrit - Bengalee Char-
acter

Tuesday 22 Jan 1799

It appears extremely probable
that Zemour Shaw has returned
back to his own country

+ Other particulars respecting the
Nafam at Benares

Mr. Cherry informed the Vizier
Ally that he must prepare for
going to Calcutta - He remon-
strated much upon which Mr.
Cherry told him that he Mr. C.
was only the instrument of God.
Some time after when the time
approached for his setting out for
Calcutta, he waited on Mr. Cherry
at his house about four miles
from Benares, In the middle of
the conversation, Vizier Ally
started up and struck Mr. Cherry
with his sword, this was the signal

to his attendants. Mr. Cherry
endeavored to get escape by a
window but was stabbed in the
back by one of the attendants
Other two Gentlemen were also dis-
patched. The murderer instantly
repaired to the house of Mr. Davis
at the gate the sea boy refused
admittance was instantly killed.
Mr. Davis with his wife and
family retired to the ^{tyracy}
where he defended ^{in my room} himself at
the head of the narrow ^{then} which
leads to the tyracy with a hog
spear which he fortunately had
time to seize. The delay at
Mr. Davis's house must have saved
the lives of many Englishmen
at Bombar - Cozen Ali has
got off to Azungahaut about 60
miles to the Northwest of Bombar -

- A ship was said to coast off
the John Shore when he was sent
at Suva -

1799 -

Wednesday 23 Jan^r

- Mr. Bentley called with an
Anniversary Speech - It continued
and in good order -

- He had just received a letter
from Capt. Wilford - It adds to
the former news - That some troops
were sent in every quarter of the
town with orders to acknowledge
Dargis Ali as their Sovereign -
On report of Cavalry approaching
the insurgents all fled -

- This day at 12 o'clock Capt
Carnegy's Chord. was at 10 instead
of 5 - was going - must have
been forgot in winding - He
carried it to Mells -

1799 -

Thursday 24 Jan^r

- The Calcutta Gazette has
blundered my advertisement
by making the day of commence-
ment Wednesday instead of Tuesday -
- Visit from Mr. Head - he wishes
to attend my Prathamaudh
Clasp -

+ At home -

- Music Society - Dr. J. Anthon
Choir President

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Friday 25 Jan^y
at 9 AM 63°

Sensations - very cold -
Visit from Mr. Spalding -
Mr. Spalding - Refining
bullion and sending it to Madras
- marked by both the Mint
and assay marks -
+ with Mr. Whiston
Capt. Williamson - and Mr.
John J. Simpson -
Capt. Will. says he has disco-
vered the cause of the Harmon-
ic tone on the longer longer Diap-
sons of a Organ being higher
than on the shorter - In any
harmonic tone the shorter part
of the string will always give

the tone when the whole string
is a multiple of both parts
- In any Harmonic tone the whole
string has a gentle vibration -
it is divided into chords or bridges
- Marked by one unguet - Holes in
the draw plate get wider -
- Lead wire can be drawn only
with the assistance of water -
- There is variety of Defiant tone
+ Lent Mr. Wilson Holes Nigeria
+ A Capt. Robertson called

1799

Saturday 26 Jan^r

Ther. at noon - ——— 63

Temperature very cold - very dry -
- Capt. C. brought back his shot -
and taken away the largest -
Mr. and Mrs. Thoms. called to see
the picture room - Miss Th. not
well -

Mr. Bentley call^d -

A quotation from the
 matras Varahab author
of the Sūryah Siddhanta = 740 A.D. -
- All the Siddhantas were written
about the same time or within
100 years

- Varahab was the author
of the new system

+ both Mr. Baitli - Mr. T.
called after dinner - Above 200 words
made out of Catakshra -

+ Given Mr. Pennon's Latin
in Latin on the Globes -
The first -

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Sunday 27 Jan^y 1799

B^y with M. Home - borrowed
two articles belonging to his
Air pump - They do not fit my
Tires -

- Letter from M. B. - recommending
a Presbyterian meeting ^{to} M. F. - b
+ 10 a.m. Thu - 61

12 - - - - - 62 $\frac{1}{2}$

Sensation very cold all day
- repaired the Air pumps
Both acts the whole very
well

- At home - Discourse in the
Evening - from N^o Forsyth -

Monday 28 Jan^y 1799
at 9 a.m. Thu - 60 $\frac{3}{4}$

Sensation very cold

- Capt. Meadows called does
not sail for 6 or 7 days -

- Capt. Robertson called in
the evening for his Chronometer
goes down tomorrow -

+ at home

Monday 29th Jan 1799
at 9 a.m. Ther. - 50°

Sensations very cold -

- made out a State of Capt. Webb's
Chronometer - paper Espinasse
+ 1 Lecture

- at Noon -

+ at 9th began 2nd Lecture, about
10 hours. Ther. on 50th Feb.
Subject Air - Exp. all surrounded
- accounts of the Ship Char. M.
being burnt -

Wednesday 30th Jan. 1799
at 9 a.m. Ther. 50°

Sensations very cold -

- In this day's Minor, it is said
that yesterday morning at half
past six the Ther. on the Grass
drove sunk to 31, that water froze
in 25 minutes, the thickness of the
ice being about $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch, and
that the grass was covered with
frost -

+ with M. Belli - Compt. A -
Zemman shows the Bay been
in the hands of the Commander
in Chief - commanding officer
gets Double Batta in the field
It is reported that J. S. had never
reached Schore -

- Madras Courier says that Admiral
Colpoys was about to sail for India

with 5 or 6 ships of the line
and as many Regiments and
half a million of specie —

— That Richery has got out and
his destination was India —

That Coffey had followed soon after
and would probably get up with
him —

+ It is said that Laffoo will hazard
a war —

— The present Manuel is in some
of its motions too difficult for
Molata men. Of what use are
such motions? Every motion is
a bad one, which is attended with
with much difficulty or risk —

It is said the 76 Regt. perform
the Charge with the Muzzles of
of the left hand extended along
the barrel as in "post arms"

This is certainly not the strongest
hold of the musket —

+ Every called with M. F. — h
on M. B. with — M. Lee and
M. B. — r —

— M. L. — 1 Geography and of
Smyrna, Mount Ida, &c,!!

The form — he asserted was in
Syria and Mount Ida to the
N. of Smyrna — Men who
hazard such indigestible ideas
in company, and impose them
on the hearers, must be blind
if they do not proceed with
what pity and contempt they
are deserved —

— M. L. says there is no water
at Suez — That the Company's
cruiser is obliged to carry
water with them from Bombay
or from Jeddah or Mecca —

— An Elephant after falling
a day, lifted him up and

carried him on his back
to his Master - The Tyger was 13
feet in length!! - Mr L

Thursday 31st Jan 1799
8 a.m. 60

- It is said that a man was
to swim up on a raft by a
boat belonging to the ship
with his long sword, and
to be employed in burning the
ship -

- At home -

Friday Feb 14 1799

8 a.m. Bar - - - - 40°

- prepared the carbonic acid
oxygen gas and ~~hydrogen~~
The Hydrogen gas so mixed
- at home -

at home 2. Feb 1799
8 a.m. Bar - - - - 40°

+ at home -
- 2^d Lecture in the Evening
New air - indifferent -

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Monday 3rd Feb

Mary - mild - did not ob-
serve the Mer^{cur}

+ Mr. B. called - he finds
a paper in a Hindoo book
that Varaha is the Author of
the Suryah Sidhanta - He is
therefore the inventor of the New
System - about eight hundred

12. The Mer^{cur} in Lecter - 70th

+ with Mr. Baillie & Mr. M.
- Mr. T. called in the evening -
Military exercise -

3 Feb^{ry} 1799