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Governor
takes leave
of M. Khan
outside the
town-gate.

Diary bids
him fare-
well, at the
tent beyond
the moat.

And
detains M.
Tavakkal,
to give him
presents.

The gifts
made to
Mahfuz
Khan.

Thus the procession set out, in great state. From Sunguvâr's godown, in the bazaar road, up to the town-gate, soldiers were disposed in two ranks, and between these Nawâb Mahfuz Khân was carried. As soon as he had passed through the gate, the Governor took leave of him, and halted. At the moment that they had bid each other farewell, twenty-one guns were fired from the ramparts. Beyond the town-gate, soldiers were drawn up, on either side of the path, as far as the moat, and Mahé sepoy lined the glacis. After taking leave, the Nawâb was carried through these lines of soldiers. I went on in front, and stood at the entrance to the tent which was pitched beyond the moat. When Mahfuz Khân passed by, I stepped forward, and bade him farewell. The Governor ascended the rampart overlooking the moat, and stood watching Mahfuz Khân, until he had passed beyond my garden-house; and when the Nawâb was out of sight, he returned home. Muhammad Tavakkal, too, followed in the train of Mahfuz Khân, but I invited him to stay. My object in doing this was to give him, before sending him away, some presents, for he had exerted himself in bringing about the agreement, and had received no gifts, or other recompense.

The presents which were given to His Highness Nawâb Mahfuz Khân were as follows:

- 2 Large mirrors.
- 1 Clock, in a case,

- 2 Large silver-mounted guns.
- 2 Large brass-mounted guns.
- 2 Double-barrelled guns.
- 4 Silver-mounted pistols.
- 4 Brass-mounted pistols.
- 160 Yards of red velvet.
- 87 Rolls of brocade, embroidered with flowers in gold thread.
- 10 Rolls of English broad-cloth.
- 10 Rolls of French broad-cloth.
- 18 Flasks of rose-water.
- 2 "China boxes," containing various curious devices and designs in fireworks.
- 10 Carpets of broad-cloth, embroidered with gold lace.
- 140 Wax candles.
- 6 Glass candle-shades.
- 10 Telescopes, small.
- 1 Telescope, large.
- 1 Roll of broad-cloth, of different colour on either side.
- 290 lbs. of sugar-candy.
- 1 Piece of gold galloon, manufactured at Ispahân, weighing 10 marcs, 1 oz.
- 1 Piece of silver galloon, manufactured at Ispahân, weighing 4 marcs, 4 oz.
- 1 Piece of gold French galloon, weighing 15 marcs, 4 oz.
- 1 Piece of silver French galloon, weighing 9 marcs, 4 oz.
- 12 Table knives.
- 7 Small mirrors.
- 24 Flasks balm cordial.
- 24 Flasks Imperial water.

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* It cannot exactly be ascertained what these were. They were apparently boxes of fireworks, and are spoken of as "designs in fire." The words within quotation marks are a literal translation of the original.

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made to
M. Khan—
(continued).The
presents
given to
Nazim 'Ali
'Khan.

24 Flasks of Hungary water.

1 Calf elephant.

1 Musical box.

1 Table knife, with handle inlaid with gold.

1 Hookah stopper, all gold.

Total articles, valued at * . . . pagodas.

The presents given to Nazim 'Ali Khân, the younger brother of Nawâb Maḥfuz Khân, were:

1 Double-barrelled gun.

1 Musket.

8 Table knives.

17 Yards of red velvet.

12 Rolls of brocade, with flowers worked in gold.

1 Piece of silver galloon, weighing 4 marcs.

4 Carpets of broad-cloth, embroidered with gold lace.

1 "China box" containing curious devices in fireworks.

15 Yards of green velvet.

2 Rolls of broad-cloth.

1 Piece of gold French galloon, weighing 7 marcs.

1 Piece of galloon, manufactured at Ispahân, weighing

2 marcs, 4 oz.

Total articles, valued at * . . . pagodas.

This was how the presents were distributed. Having accepted them, and having arrived at a perfect agreement, the visitors departed at 4, this afternoon.

As His Highness Nawâb Maḥfuz Khân was returning, this evening, to his camp, he met, on the way, some messengers, who handed to him a letter addressed to him by Muḥammad 'Alî Khân. Having

* Blank in original.

read this, he sent it on to the Governor by the men who brought it to him; one of his macebearers being deputed to accompany them. The contents of the letter were: "I have recovered from my illness, and am somewhat relieved of the tooth-ache from which I was suffering. But as for you, you went to your brother's house, and remained there these two days enjoying yourself in feasting, and spending your time in various amusements. Two letters have arrived here from the ruling Nawâb at Arcot; one addressed to you, and the other to me. Both of these direct us to return immediately." Having read the letter, the Governor sent it back by the messengers who brought it, with a complimentary one from himself, addressed to Maḥfuz Khân. The men were also presented with Rs. 5.

What remained over from the dinner which was prepared for Maḥfuz Khân, before he set out from Pondichery was sufficient in quantity to provide for a hundred people. It was sent to Nâsîr Qulî Khân.

Tuesday, 21st February 1747, or 13th Mâsi of Akshaya.—This morning, M. Delarche and Muḥammad Tavakkal were sent to invite Muḥammad 'Alî, to come to Pondichery. They set out at 5, and reached the camp, at half-past 9. They had an audience with Muḥammad 'Alî, to whom they communicated the invitation. His verbal and written replies were received here, at 4. They were to the effect that he was tormented by tooth-ache, and

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He sends
it to the
Governor.It
reproaches
M. Khan for
his visit to
Pondichery.And
intimates
receipt of
orders for
immediate
return.Governor
returns it,
with one
from him-
self.Remains
of the state
dinner
sent to N.
Qulî Khan.Deputation
sets out,
to invite
M. 'Alî
Khan
to Pondi-
chery.He replies
that he
doubts if
his health
will permit
an accept-
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