

return for their daily pay. It is not known when they will come.

As the Angrias seized the English ships at Goa, Bombay and those parts last year, Mr. Clive who has arrived from Europe in a man-of-war with great supplies, has attacked the Angria Marathas, captured two forts, and seized lakhs of treasure. On the receipt of this news at Madras, salutes were fired as a sign of victory, and a festival was held. A salute of 21 guns was also fired at the fort of Arcot and there was also a festival.

APRIL 1756.

*Monday, April 5.*¹—As the Governor is to leave for Gingee to-morrow morning, he yesterday ordered that elephants with silver howdahs, horses, flags, standards, lances, pipers, drummers and other musical performers, with the naubat, etc., should be got ready for his inspection; so at four o'clock this evening, all were made ready and shown to the Governor by Appâvu. Having inspected everything, the Governor ordered them to be despatched to Valudâvûr immediately, as he would set out to-morrow morning. I therefore took leave and despatched them all to Valudâvûr. As I am also to accompany the Governor to-morrow to Gingee, I gave a written order to Appâvu to manage affairs here.

*Tuesday, April 6.*²—This morning the Governor set out to inspect Gingee, and I accompanied him. I will write the names of the others who accompanied him when I have learnt them. He intends to halt at Valudâvûr in the afternoon and I will write later on what happens.

M. Leyrit the Governor, M. Lenoir the councillor, M. d' Auteuil, M. Aumont, M. Chevreau, M. Mauricet and others, including

¹ 27th Panguni, Yuva.

² 28th Panguni, Yuva.

myself, set out for Valudâvûr this morning on our way to Gingee. On reaching Valudâvûr in the afternoon, we were welcomed with dancers and conducted to the fort. On our entrance, a salute of 21 guns was fired, as well as the same number at dinner and when toasts were given. As it is M. Duplex's jaghir, no presents were given, nor money spent except on the feast; and everything else was carried thither from this place.¹ After dinner, the elephants, horses, howdahs, and dancing-people were ordered on to Pâdirâppuliyûr, as the Governor designed to proceed thither to-night. He left Valudâvûr at five o'clock in the evening; and on the way, Muttu Mallâ Reddi and others welcomed us with dancing-people and conducted us to a tent. Muttu Mallâ Reddi presented the Governor with a nazar of 500 rupees and me with 100 rupees. Sheep, fowls,² pigs and fruit were ready for supper, which was very sumptuous. A letter was written to the commandant of Gingee saying that the Governor would arrive to-morrow afternoon. I also wrote to Nârâyana Sâstri, amaldâr of Gingee, to have all things ready, and passed the night at Pâdirâppuliyûr.

Wednesday, April 7.³—We left Pâdirâppuliyûr this morning at nine, and, reaching

¹ i.e., Pondichery.

² Reading *kôli* for *kôdu*.

³ 29th Panguñi, Yuva.

Marudûr *mantapam* in three hours, we halted at the pandal erected there. Âdivîrarâghava Mudali, the manager of the place, not only provided fruit but also presented a nazar of 500 rupees. Twenty-one cannon were fired that had been brought there, and thus our reception was magnificent. But instead of halting in the pandal erected in the palmyrah tope called Jayankondân, this side of Gingee, the Governor proceeded to Gingee, being welcomed on his way by commandant Legris and others, my amaldâr Nârâyana Sâstri and men of every class, with dancing-people. When we entered the fort under the heat of the mid-day sun, a salute of 21 guns was fired. M. Leyrit, the Governor, went first; as M. Lenoir's palankin-boys were exhausted by their two days' hard journey, M. Lenoir excused the slowness of their pace; but M. Lasette [?] impatient at his boys' pace, pierced one of them a finger's depth in the loins. At once all the others loosed their hair and beat their mouths, weeping. One approached M. Lasette crying, 'How dare you do that?' M. Lasette made to strike him also, but, missing his aim, cut off his ear. Though the Governor witnessed all this, he did nothing, but proceeded to the lodgings prepared by the commandant with his retinue of Europeans, music and dancing-people, the naubat and the other marks of honour. I

accompanied him, and, having taken leave of him at his lodgings, went to the office that had been made ready opposite the house of Swâmi Sâstri (Ayyan Sâstri's elder brother) with a large following and other marks of honour.

My amaldâr with his people visited me with nazars. After giving *pân supârî* to all, I went to Swâmi Sâstri's house, where I was entertained at a feast at noon, and, at two o'clock, when it was over, I went to take my ease at my lodgings.

This evening, the Râjagadi, Krishnagadi and Chennagiri forts and the circumference of the Chettikulam were illuminated; the pandal was decorated and arrangements were made for the Governor's feast to-night. Before going thither, the Governor and others drove out at five o'clock and watched the fireworks till seven, when they went to the Chettikulam. Thence they watched with great pleasure the fireworks on the Râjagadi fort, and at last sat down to table, when three salutes of 21 guns were fired from three different places. I was with him all this time, but then took leave, and going to my lodging was present till two o'clock at an entertainment of actors, etc., and took supper at Swâmi Sâstri's house.

*Thursday, April 8.*¹—At six o'clock this morning, M. Leyrit, the Governor set out to see

¹ 30th Panguni, Yuva.

all the curiosities of the Râjagadi fort, and returned at half-past seven. Afterwards the Sâstri, my amaldâr, visited his quarters and presented him with 500 pagodas. Various others whom I introduced presented him with 200 rupees; the sepoy, their commandant and Rânôji presented 75 pagodas, and others gave pieces of cloth according to their position. All then took leave of the Governor, and accompanied me with music and dancing-people to my lodgings where they took leave and departed.

I arranged for twice as many fireworks to be lit on the forts to-night.

*Saturday, April 10.*¹—We set out from Gingee this morning and halted at the pandal erected near the choultry on the Villupuram road, where we ate some fruit, etc. At Villupuram we were met by amaldâr Nârâyana Pillai with dancing-people and conducted to the place which had been prepared. Here Nârâyana Pillai offered a nazar of 321 pagodas. Fireworks had been made ready for display at night. We watched them, and passed the night there.

*Sunday, April 11.*²—We set out from Villupuram this morning for Tiruviti and Panruti. On nearing Tiruviti, we were received by the

¹ 2nd Chittirai, Dhâthu.

² 3rd Chittirai, Dhâthu.