

M. Lally's followers have not said anything about his intentions or the object of his visit, so nothing is known as to what will happen here. I came home at noon.

I drove out in the evening and returned home at seven.

*Friday, May 12.*¹—At six o'clock this morning, I heard the following news:—The Daulatabad killa, 12 kos north of Aurangabad and containing the Pâdshâh's treasury, is entered by a passage but one stone broad, so that both the former Pâdshâh and Âsaf Jâh found it very difficult to capture. Shâh Nawâz Khân managed to secure it and posted his people there. M. Bussy, having conferred with Shâh Nawâz Khân, procured from him a letter to the commandant permitting him to visit it. He therefore set out and having mounted the fort and seen the sights, seized those within, hoisted the white flag and removed the treasure consisting of a crore of rupees and women's cloths, chests of precious stones, gold and silver vessels worth another crore—two crores in all. M. Bussy, having removed all these, sent ten lakhs of rupees to Salabat Jang and wrote a letter announcing this to M. Lally, the General.² Immediately M. Lally wrote a reply, asking M. Bussy to

¹ 2nd Vaigâsi, Bahudânya.

² Cf. Orme, ii, 345-346.

send the money, and he [M. Lally] is sending it by the Marquis de Conflans and M. Bazin with an escort.

When I drove out last evening by the Fort, I met the Marquis de Conflans who is setting out on his journey, and he took leave of me.

I hear that a letter from Madras reached Fort St. David marked to be read by all the councillors but the Governor. The councillors having read it imprisoned the Governor and appointed one of themselves.¹ They then defied the French to attack and there has been sharp fighting since last night. A shot fired from the battery north-east of Cuddalore fell inside Fort St. David, whereon they raised a battery south of the river.

M. Lally the General accompanied by M. Boyelleau arrived here at noon to-day from camp.

*Saturday, May 13.*² — M. le Comte de Montmorency and M. Clouët conferred in the small garden about [].

This morning I went to the Fort and after paying my respects to the Governor went to the office in the flower-garden.

¹ This sounds like a travesty of the commandant Major Polier's assuming control from the Deputy Governor, Alexander Wynch. For a similar story of a later date see Leyrit to Lally, May 25, 1758 (Leyrit's *Mémoire*, p. 38).

² 3rd Vaigâsi, Bahudânya.