

Thames and Vestal to the Malabar coast, and, going shortly after to Madras, sent the *Miserva* also, having received intelligence that some neutral ships, under Imperial and French colours, loaded with ammunition and ordnance stores from Europe, were to arrive there for the use of the Sultan's army.

Orders were given to the several Commanders strictly to examine all vessels they might fall in with. He followed himself with the *Crown* and *Phoenix* shortly after. Hitherto no ships that had been described to him were seen.

On the 23d of October, at six in the evening, the Commodore being on a cruise to the northward, and the *Phoenix* and *Atalanta* in Tellichery road, two French ships and a brig were discovered in the offing. It being the *Atalanta's* guard, she got under way to board them, and was followed by the *Phoenix*; but having little wind, they got into the Mallee Roads, a French port, and close to Tellicherry.

Captain Foot, of the *Atalanta*, sent a boat with an officer to them, but they refused to be examined, alledging, they were in their port. Immediately on their boat's return, hearing of their resistance, he sent an officer of marines, with a party, with orders to force the hatchways, and examine them; which being effected, they were found laden with merchandize only. This irregular proceeding was, however, hushed up by the Commodore's arrival and interposition, in Captain Foot's behalf, with the Governor.

Early in November, the *Resolue* French frigate, of 32 guns, arrived in Mallee Roads, and sailed on the 19th with a party and two merchantmen at two A. M. from the same port, which it is conjectured was a scheme to discover whether Commodore Cornwallis would board the merchantmen under his protection, an unlucky experiment in the event; for at 5 A. M. on seeing them in the offing, he made signals to the *Phoenix* and *Perseverance* to board them; they got under way, and chased to the northward as far as Mangalore, before they came up with them.

When the *Phoenix* came within hail, she was asked what she wanted? Sir Richard Strachan answered, that he had orders to board the merchantmen in company with her, and would send an officer on board to explain the reason.

The first Lieutenant Geo. Parker, went on board; the French frigate then made a signal, which the merchantmen answered, and made sail; the *Phoenix* making sail also to intercept them, leaving the cutter with Mr. Parker some distance astern, and firing at the ships on the larboard bow and beam, to bring them to. The French frigate being on the starboard quarter of the *Phoenix*, fired two guns shotted to windward, which was thought to be at the boats; the *Phoenix* next hoisted out her jolly boat, and sent the third Lieutenant Mr. Kutt, to board one of them, the *Perseverance* at the same time boarding the other.

At this time the *Phoenix*, in backing astern, to keep one of the merchantmen from making off, had her ensign staff carried away by her jib boom. The French frigate kept firing at the boats, and upon the *Phoenix* wearing to keep close to her, she fired a broad side into her, and commenced the action.

The engagement lasted 25 minutes, and terminated by a happy manoeuvre of Sir Richard Strachan, who, on observing the *Resolue* crossing her hauses, luffed up, went under her stern, and raked her with considerable damage.

The *Resolue* had 25 men killed, and 40 wounded, several of whom are since dead, and the first Captain dangerously wounded.

The *Phoenix* had 6 men killed and eleven wounded, among whom is Lieutenant Finley of the marines, since dead, and Mr. Wilmet, midshipman, wounded.

By the Commodore's orders the French frigate was conducted into Mallee Roads and left there, her own officers and seamen refusing to do any thing with her, saying the *Resolue* struck, and was a prize to the *Phoenix*, and the Commodore might dispose of her as he might think proper. The Commodore answered them, that he must refer the determination of the affair to this nation, being of too much importance for him to settle.

Tippoo Sultan was come out of Seringapatam, and intrenched himself strongly about ten miles from it—Lord Cornwallis advanced towards him, and it is probable their meeting has been decisive; his Lordship being determined to an immediate attack, and his army in the highest spirits.

The *Pandora* frigate is lost upon a reef on the north end of New Holland, where she was exploring a passage, having drifted upon it: her boat being sent to round, returned on board, but too late to warn her of the danger. The greatest part of the crew were drowned. Part of those saved were working a Dutchman from Batavia to Europe, under the first Lieutenant, and the remainder were with Captain Edwards, on their passage to the Cape of Good Hope.

HALIFAX, MAY 15.

Last Saturday evening arrived here in his Majesty's frigate *Hussar*, commanded by Rupert George, Esquire, in five weeks from Falmouth, his Excellency John Wentworth, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of this province; and on Sunday at one o'clock his Excellency disembarked under a salute of 15 guns from the *Hussar*.

On his Excellency's landing he was received by a detachment of the 21st regt, or Royal N. B. Fusiliers, and salutes from field pieces drawn up on the parade by the Royal Artillery, and then conducted by the acting Secretary of the province, his Majesty's Council, Members of the House of As-

sembly, Justices of the Quorum and principal Inhabitants, with a respectable number of Gentlemen of the Army, to the Government House, where his Excellency was received by the President of his Majesty's Council, and was then congratulated on his safe arrival in this province.

And yesterday at one o'clock his Excellency was sworn into the administration of government—and, on taking his seat, was saluted with 15 guns by a party of the Royal Artillery, drawn up on the grand parade. And in the evening the town was brilliantly illuminated.

On Tuesday last after the Address from the Magistrates and Inhabitants was presented to the Governor, the same Gentlemen waited on the President, to express the entire satisfaction his conduct had given to the Inhabitants at large, and thanked him for his mild and equal administration, during the time the government was devolved upon him.

On Thursday last the Ladies of this town waited with their compliments of congratulation on the Governor's Lady on her safe arrival in this town.

A gentleman who arrived in the *Hussar* frigate, informs, that he saw at the island of Guernsey a French newspaper of a late date, which contained an account of the assassination of the King of Sweden—His Majesty was attending a masked ball, when a Col. Ingerstrom suddenly advanced and shot him with a pistol thro' the bowels, so that the ball came out at the groin. When the account came away the King was still alive, but in extreme pain, and not expected long to survive.

The Colonel, on being seized and interrogated, refused to answer, and remained contumaciously mute and sullen.

CHARLOTTE TOWN, JUNE 19.

On Wednesday morning last arrived in this harbour, from a cruise, his Majesty's frigate the *Winchelsea*, of 32 guns, Capt. Fisher, commander, attended by his Majesty's armed schooner *Chatham*, commanded by Lieutenant Sayers.

And on Sunday, after Divine Service, his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by the Honourable Major Charles Lyons, and Colonel Joseph Robinson, Speaker of the House of Assembly, went on board the *Winchelsea*, under a salute of eleven guns, where his Excellency was received with that distinguished politeness which so eminently characterises the officers of his Majesty's navy—and on leaving the ship, his Excellency was again saluted by a discharge of the like number.