

*Sunday, April 10.*¹—In spite of the important festival to-day, the council met and sat till half-past ten. I cannot say if it met to consider the despatch of troops again to Eravâsanallûr.

Formerly when Hasâyât Khân, the Nawâb of Murshidabad, seized the English town of Calcutta in Bengal, besides several other factories, and drove the English out of these places, Mr. Clive sailed with five or six ships full of soldiers, powder, shot and other munitions of war to *Firânjranga* or Chandernagore. He re-captured Calcutta; and the Nawâb thereupon concluded peace with Mr. Clive, gave him 16 villages, and they exchanged head-dresses. Now that he has made an alliance with the Nawâb, Mr. Clive is said to be marching with the Nawâb's and his own troops to capture the French factory of Chandernagore. Perhaps the council was summoned about this. It will be known hereafter.

In the first day's fight, a shot struck Mîr 'Abd-ul-rahmân of Eravâsanallûr fort. I reported this to M. Guillard, adding that, as Mîr 'Abd-ul-rahmân had been killed, the fort would now fall, although our people were sure of capturing it even when he was uninjured, and that, as he was a source of trouble to

¹ 2nd Chittirai, Kâlaka [sic].

many, people say that his death will make an end to their misery.

*Monday, April 11.*¹—When M. Le Beaume, Râmachandra Ayyan and others were talking this morning, [the Governor] asked why no ships had arrived from Bengal. M. Le Beaume replied, 'The English are great rascals. When they lost Calcutta in Bengal, they made entreaties to us and paid us compliments; and Mr. Clive, who went thither, proposed that, although there was war in Europe, the French and the English should be friends here.'² But now that he has made peace with the Nawâb, the English say that, as the King of England has declared war, they cannot disobey the orders of the King or refrain from carrying on war here; and their present conduct corresponds with their words, so how can we expect any ships?' Such was their conversation.

This evening M. Saubinet and some officers with about 300 German and French soldiers, marched to Eravâsanallûr with powder, shot and munitions of war.

*Tuesday, April 12.*³—At eight o'clock this morning, I went to the Fort. As it was a European feast, M. Leyrit, the Governor, went

¹ 3rd Chittirai, Îswara.

² The original proposal for neutrality came from Chandernagore. See the editor's *Dupleix and Clive*, p. 127, and the authorities there cited.

³ 4th Chittirai, Îswara.