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1745.

Arrival of
Nawab
Anwar-ud-
din at
Nainiya
Pillai's
choultry.

A deputa-
tion
pays him
ceremonial
visit.

Presents
made to it.

Date fixed
for entry
into Pondi-
chery.

Presents to
Governor.

reported to have captured French squadron, and to have received reinforcements—Alarm, notwithstanding of English—Pondichery contrasted with her enemies—Fear universally entertained of her name, attributed to M. Dupleix—Panegyric of diarist on him.

Friday, 10th September 1745, or 29th Āvani of Krōdhana.—At 2 in the afternoon, Nawāb Anwar-ud-dīn Khān arrived, and halted at Nainiya Pillai's choultry. As soon as he had alighted, a salute of twenty-one guns was fired from the northern gate, and from the ramparts. Directly after this, two Councillors, Kanakarāya Mudali, the chief of the peons, and I, started from Pondichery, with drums, tom-toms, trumpets, etc., and going to the Nawāb's tent at Nainiya Pillai's choultry, paid a ceremonial visit to him. He then presented each of the visitors from Pondichery—the two Europeans, Kanakarāya Mudali, Madanānda Pandit, the chief of the peons, and me,—with a dress of honour. The deputation told the Nawāb its errand, and he announced his intention of moving on to Pondichery the next day. The party thereupon took leave of him, and returned with this message, bringing also as presents for the Governor, a horse and a dress of honour. When the deputation arrived at the distillery-house, it halted, and sent word of the gifts which it had brought. Those composing it then went on to the Governor's house. When the presents arrived there, a salute of twenty-one guns was fired.

Saturday, 11th September 1745, or 30th Āvani of Krōdhana.—At noon, the Nawāb sent a message

that he was coming. On this, everything was put in order in the town, all the gates of which, with the exception of the Vazhudāvūr, on the western side, were closed. Outside the gate, and to the south of it, but within the boundary of the ditch, a tent was pitched. M. Dupleix, the Deputy Governor, the Councillors, Kanakarāya Mudali, I, and other men of rank, started in procession from the Governor's house. We were attended by Mahé Muhammadans * and Carnatic sepoy carrying muskets on their shoulders, and by police peons, who bore spears. Musicians with flags were mounted on the backs of elephants, camels, and horses, and they played on kettle and one-headed drums, and other instruments. The procession also included dancing-girls, with their drums and cymbals. In this order, the procession set out from the Governor's residence at noon, and repaired to the tent erected outside the western gate. The Governor and his co-administrators entered this. The soldiers were marshalled in a line on the glacis, up to the ramparts; and everything was made ready for the arrival of the Nawāb. MM. Desmarêts and Le Maire, and Kanakarāya Mudali, were deputed to intimate to him that everything was prepared for his reception. Having fulfilled their mission, they returned. Information arrived at 2, that the Nawāb had left his camp. Immediately afterwards, Sampāti Rao and

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Nawab
notifies his
coming.

Governor,
and retinue
set out
for the
reception
tent.

Details of
procession.

Intimation
sent to
Nawab.

* It seems probable that these were Moplahs.

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Arrival of
his suite
at the
reception
tent.

Arrival of
Nawab.

His
following.

Personal
reception
by Govern-
or.

* Blank in the original.

an Indian hour. After this, they rose together, and moved into the town. The following was the order in which they entered. The Nawâb, the Governor, the Nawâb's grandson, M. Delarche—who understands Hindustani—and a Muhammadan; about four or five in all, were seated in a carriage drawn by three pairs of horses. Sampâti Rao and Husain Sâhib followed next, in a carriage and pair. The rest of the party got into their vehicles, or rode on their horses, and thus the entire cortège entered the town-gate. On this, the firing of a salute of fifty guns began. With great pomp, and with the roll of drums, the clang of cymbals and the sound of wind-instruments, the cavalcade moved along to the western gate, then turned due east, marched past Kanakarâya Mudali's house, turned south, passed the Îswaran temple on the east, skirted the walls of the fort, entered the European street to the south of these, passed the church of the Capuchins, left the eastern side of the fort behind it, and finally drew up before the Governor's house. During the progress of the procession, the western gate of the fort was kept closed; the eastern one alone remained open. When the Nawâb arrived at the Governor's residence, a salute was fired from the ramparts facing the sea. He then entered the tent which had been pitched for him to the south of the house. The soldiers were next paraded before him, and he watched their manœuvres for more than an hour. He then

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Entry in
state of
Governor
and Nawab.

Route
taken by
the pro-
cession.

Arrival at
house of
Governor.

CHAP. XI. expressed a desire to visit the fort, and was taken thither in a sedan-chair. He was accompanied by the Governor in a palanquin. When they entered the fort gate, they were received with military honours. The guards presented arms, and the drums rolled forth a welcome. They went on to the ramparts, saw the clock-tower and the fortifications, watched the firing of mortars, and returned to the Governor's house, where a table was spread, groaning under the weight of silver plates, cups, and dishes. Refreshments, consisting of sweets and fruit, were partaken of. Whilst the Nawâb was at table, his mace-bearers—five or six in number—secreted some of the silver plates and cups. The theft was discovered, the men were searched, and the stolen articles were taken from them. After the entertainment was concluded, presents were given to the Nawâb. A list of these will be found at the end of this day's narrative. After sunset, the walls of the fort, the ramparts, and the outside of the Governor's house, were all brilliantly illuminated. There was also a display of fireworks. At 8 o'clock, the Nawâb set out for his camp, when a salute of fifty guns was fired. This was repeated when he passed out of the gate of the fort. The Governor accompanied him beyond the town-gate, and having there bidden him farewell, returned to Pondichery. The Nawâb went to his camp at Nainiya Pillai's choultry. On his way back, he passed through the Madras gate. So long as he was within the town, only one of the

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Nawab
visits the
fort with
Governor.

Partakes of
refresh-
ments.

Theft of
plate by
his mace-
bearers.

Illumina-
tions, etc.

Return of
Nawab to
his camp.

gates was kept open, the rest being closed. The Nawâb's age is eighty or eighty-five years; Sampâti Rao's, fifty-five or sixty; Husain Sâhib's, forty-five or fifty; Karîm 'Alî Khân's, thirty-five or forty; Mîr Ghulâm Husain's, forty; Bangâru Yâchama Nâyakkan's, fifty-five or sixty; Tâmalacheri Venkatapati Nâyakkan's, fifty-five or sixty; and the Kâttu Râjâ's son's, eighteen or twenty.

The following is a list of the articles which were presented to Nawâb Anwar-ud-dîn Khân:—

	Pagodas.	Fanams.
1 Golden fillet		
1 * Sâkkupachi ornament	} total value,	460 0
1 Roll, Spanish taffeta velvet of Soria, blue and gold		
3 Velvet cushions	} valued at	} 830 0
1 Box of otto of roses, valued at ...		
1 Case, 24 boxes of pigments, valued at	40 0	
1 Box of candy, weight 285 lb., at 3½ fanams a lb., valued at ...	38 0	
4 Boxes of sugar, weighing 639 lb., valued at ..	59 0	
16 Flasks Hungary water, at 3 fanams each, valued at ...	2 0	
12 Flasks Imperial water, † at 8 fanams each, valued at ...	4 0	
12 Flasks balm cordial, at 8 fanams each, valued at ...	4 0	

* The meaning of this word which, as it stands, is an exact transliteration of the Tamil, has not been discovered.

† Littrè (*Dictionnaire de la Langue Française*) defines "Eau imperiale" as a spirit distilled from different sorts of herbs and spices.

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Estimated
ages of
Nawab and
chief
followers.

Details of
presents
given to
him.

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	Pagodas.	Fanams.
13 Flasks cordial-water, at 12 fanams each, valued at	6	12
10 Flasks rose-water, at 18 fanams each, valued at	7	12
28 Beads for ear pendants, valued at ...	18	0
1 Clock, valued at	35	0
1 Roll of velvet, $26\frac{1}{4}$ yards, at 5 pagodas a yard, valued at ...	130	0
1 Roll of velvet, 23 yards, at 4 pagodas a yard, valued at	92	0
Gold net, 4 marks, at 15 pagodas each, valued at	60	0
1 Bale brocade containing ten rolls, length 157 yards, valued at ...	235	12
1 Double-barrelled gun, valued at ...	20	0
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Total value in pagodas ...	2,104	0
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[Tuesday, 14th September 1745, or] 2nd Purattâsi of Krôdhana.—The total value of the presents given to Sampâti Rao this day amounted to 300 pagodas.

Saturday,* 26th September 1745, or 14th Purattâsi of Krôdhana.—When I waited on the Governor to-day, he said to me: "What is the news regarding the English at Madras?" I replied: "In consequence of the declaration of war in Europe, between France and England, a ship was despatched from the latter country in the month of Chittirai [April] last, and arrived at Madras on the 1st of Purattâsi,

* Sic. But the correct day is Sunday.

Value of presents made to Sampati Rao.

Governor inquires of diarist news of English at Madras.

He describes preparations for defence on receipt of news of war with France.

corresponding to 13th September. On receipt of the news brought by her, the English there have commenced to strengthen their fortifications. They are mounting pieces of artillery on the fort, and equipping the batteries on the sea-shore with guns; they remain night and day incessantly on the watch. The random reports received, such as, 'Here come the French' and 'There come the French' greatly terrify them." He rejoined: "I must procure some positive information concerning this from Madras. How shall we manage to do so?" I answered: "I can write to my agents there on the subject; but if their communications happen to be detected, the consequences may be dangerous to them." Agreeing with me, he said: "Send some one from this to Mylapore. Let him ascertain the news from your friends at Madras, and write the same to you from there." I accordingly . . . * Tândavarâya Pillai . . . *

Tuesday, [28th September 1745, or] 16th Purattâsi of Krôdhana.—This morning, the Governor, M. Dupleix, summoned me, and said: "Prakâsa Mudali has submitted a petition to me, from Kârikâl. He states in it that out of 1,700 pagodas expended in connection with the new village there, only 700 were adjusted in the days of M. Febvrier, and that a balance of 1,000 pagodas is still outstanding."

* Perished in the original.

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And alarm of English.

Governor desires definite information.

Diarist arranges to procure it.

Governor sends for diarist