

Journal

4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1799

1799

Calcutta

1m

Monday 4 Feb 1799

11<sup>th</sup>  
7 a.m. Therm. 68  
8 ————— 67

very mild

It is remarkable that the  
Therm. in this country during  
the whole of the cold season  
continues to fall little or none  
or sometimes rises after sun  
rise — The same phenomenon  
I observed in the journey from  
Achin to Canton —

+ A China man in Calcutta  
never makes use of a Chettah  
He wears a straw hat from  
2½ to 3 feet in diam. which serves  
the double purpose of keeping  
off both sun & rain

A Chit from M<sup>r</sup>. Baillie  
Desp<sup>er</sup> was taken the field,  
gone into the Nizam's country  
whom he expects to join him.

L<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> - who takes the field, at  
knowned all the private plate  
in Madras - subscribed him self

30 thousand pagodas towards  
carrying on the war - Three  
Judges of Madras are said to be  
minded - one of them thought  
to be M<sup>r</sup>. Lauchlan -

+ At home

- wrote a Chit to Capt<sup>n</sup>

Waltham - telling him that  
there was no need of an inspec-  
tion to M<sup>r</sup>. Claggs which C. W.  
wished me to give him, told the  
Capt<sup>n</sup> to wait on M<sup>r</sup>. C. - and pre-  
sent my Compl<sup>t</sup> to him -

Tuesday 5 Feb<sup>r</sup> 1799 -

at 9 a.m. Ther<sup>m</sup> 70°

The excessive cold which prevailed  
last week has been experienced  
all over India, Delhi - and every  
place between - is probably owing  
to the sudden evaporation of the  
rain which fell before, in various  
parts of the country -

- The Account of this day has  
not a syllable of the news in  
Baillie's Chit - which is probably  
a News -

- Capt<sup>n</sup> M<sup>r</sup> - called for his  
Chronometer - Calcutta time.

- I shall give my self no further  
trouble respecting the regulation  
of Chronometers.

+ M<sup>r</sup>. W. will send the following  
gun, with Phosphorus contained

in a special run for to the  
match of a fine work dipped into  
it? — Answer it will —

+ Now for what is called a parti-  
cular kind of yellow, made in  
this country, it is said, from cows  
drum, the cows having fed on  
mangoes — The country name  
is Dewy — it is sold at about  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 Ropes of 200 lbs  
The price I find in most parts of the  
country is 4 Ropes of 200 lbs  
— Nowly sent Mr. Lamberton's  
proof —

Permanency of the  
color

Thursday 7 Feb 1799

wrote to Mr. Dering and  
Mr. Spence at Madras

Received the proof sheet of  
Lambert's mathematical paper

Friday 8 Feb. 1799

Rain a terrible storm  
on the night of the 7th and howed  
by a few drops of melted snow  
falling on my sheets -  
applied at first last used oil  
sent for Dr. Deth - prepared  
it - Rain in the town very  
great but the night was cleared

Saturday 9 Feb. 1799

- Little rest - went for Mr. [?]  
and several other friends -

- In the best mode of pursuing  
the business of ships - but at  
some money - In this case the  
Larkham would go to scamp for  
or else please out of the bay and  
was two months could be a  
great loss to the merchant.

- There a great holiday among  
the Indians - procession - work,  
tools - like the Frenchmen at home

Sunday 10 Feb. 1799

Visit from Mr. [?], Gray  
Ferguson -

+ Much [?] last night.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb  
to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Confined to the house and  
mostly to my bed room ever  
since my accident -

+ This morning <sup>Saturday</sup> I wrote a letter  
to Mr. Mackie - Also another  
Mr. Moffat enquiring respecting  
the business

+ Got an dispatch mentioning  
the death of Macdonald  
He is said to have been shot  
in endeavouring to quell a  
mob - various accounts of his  
death from different quarters  
- generally believed to be true

- Other accounts add that the  
greater part of the French  
troops had been cut off - That  
for some time before the Siege  
had prevailed among the French  
and caused of great numbers -  
- French in jail and compelled to lay  
down their arms - go off  
and about 700 men prisoners  
About 1400 of French killed  
found the French sword of whom  
were shot for stealing from their  
own friends - More appointed  
Director of Commerce - John J  
Kemp, a few days after  
- A ship lately arrived in a  
French bay a few days after  
the surrender of the French troops



and published a flaming  
address. But on seeing the man  
he learned the fate of his friends  
and miserably embarked, and all  
part - The French prisoners  
had all been landed at Livorno  
free -  
+ Nivernis official letter received in  
London -  
- Copy in Nops open - Look up  
Sir J. Burg's address to the Army  
regulate that Zim: Shah's retreat  
had deprived the French of  
his command, of an opportunity  
of proving their courage &c  
- Report of the Dutch having  
been cut to pieces at Surinam

Sunday 17 Feb 1799  
- Inquisition to the Govern-  
ment of M. R. D'Orville -  
Capt. Burnett's Chit to Baron  
a fine price for his brother who  
has the command of a Regiment  
Chittagong -  
- Report that Tipu has  
Besieged Bangalore and all  
the Villages in the route of our  
Army the country is Desert -  
+ another report directly the reverse  
says that he has agreed to give  
up Mangalore during the present  
war, on D'Orville's the French  
men in his service -

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1798  
Natives believe that many  
deaths are occasioned by an evil eye  
by witchcraft - J. Deak's coachman  
had his toe buried by one of the horses  
the consequence was a lock joint  
occasioned his death. The surgeon  
as declared that his mouth was  
kept shut by some man who had  
a grudge at him - The former  
coachman who had been second  
off was considered as the cause

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Wind and high water very  
slowly —

+ at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  p.m. from N. water  
very moderate - little rain

Wednesday 20 Feb 1901  
Report of Buonaparte's death  
seems now much doubted —

- Commodore Blanket off the  
stick of Balastraden is pos-  
sibly within the stick —

+ 5 a.m. a moderate N. water

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Friday 26 Feb

- Admiral Nelson's Victory sails  
England - King at Weymouth.

Mepenger stopped by a high  
way man - threw the packet into the  
covey and told him to drive  
on and make haste -

- Thrash - at Weymouth -

- Nelson sent the sword of the  
French admiral to the City

of London - sailed  
- Sir A. Smith gone for  
the Fleet - said to have a

command in the Turkish Fleet

+ Strach, John Duffin Pro - Sent

+ H-1 is in the Devil's  
plantation - Dec 20

+ French Frigates in the Bay  
captured a number of outward  
bound - Mend M. Deing taken  
on the Chame bound to  
Madras - Every winter sees  
the commencement of the war  
our ports have been insulted  
in the same manner. The  
conduct of Government seems to prove  
that they do not value even  
by trade - Few Frigates or  
other strong armed ships in  
the Bay would be a sufficient  
protection -

+ The Company's ship East  
Fitzwilliam beant!! just  
ready to sail with us for  
Madras - Then appears to

be a deep laid scheme to  
destroy the shipping of this  
country —

— Cloudy at Sun set —  
winds were blowing much  
appearance of a N.W. —

— 10 p.m. (26 Feb) a N.W.  
strong wind — Thunder-rain  
continued at certain inter-  
vals during the night  
This is the first N.W. this  
season —

27<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> returned to Mr. North

Mr. Lambton's proof —

— Discussing Volney's travels  
in Egypt and Syria —

— How red Swornj Sultan of Egypt

Thursday 28 Feb. 1799

Application from Mr. B —  
to lend him 250 S. Rye

— Morsley's second proof read  
+ now ships said to be taken  
by the French Frigate in the  
bay —

— Order for Pistons and mu-  
nition and 1000 of iron and  
10 lb rollers for the Company

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1799  
at 1<sup>1/2</sup> p.m. Thunder Storm, low  
nearest distance 3<sup>u</sup>

- Sent the Notice and to M. C.  
by mistake instead of the Nichols  
which M. Campbell wanted  
- Returned the 2<sup>d</sup> proof of Lamb-  
ton's paper.

+ 10 Lit of Nitron acid

Saturday 2<sup>d</sup> March 1799  
act. arrived at Banks Hall  
of the Oslerly Indians. being  
retaken by the Norwalk -

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Sunday 3 March 1799

Banks Hall - The Sybille  
frigate has taken the La Force  
after an obstinate engagement  
of an hour and 10 m Capt  
Davis, aide du Camp to the Genl  
Genl. who went as a Voluntary  
was killed, and Capt. Cooke  
dangerously wounded - The  
La Force was dismantled - The  
single gun ship cut down,  
mounted 54 Heavy Guns -

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Monday 4 March 1799

Mr. Campbell informs me  
that he keeps the Petrie and  
- He paid 50 Ropes more, in  
- part of 222 Ropes and  
- wrote to Mr. Fearn for the  
Loan of Euter - not at home  
wrote also to Beaumont and Darn  
respecting their debts to me -  
+ Received from Mr. Stracy a packet  
from Mr. Davis at Penance -  
with a Stone - subject to examine  
- Capt. Binney's Chrs. no. 57.

Tuesday 5 March 1799

Official letter from the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lieut. of the Sybil to Sir A.  
Clarke published in the Gaz.  
The main letter on board the  
Sybil - Engagement comm<sup>d</sup>  
at half past 10 in the Even<sup>g</sup>  
Several shot fired at the Sybil  
but none returned - when  
hailed no answer - ordered  
to come under the lee great  
eye, age Sir: command Capt  
Cooke, and engaged all  
shots, lights now appeared  
a broadside, every shot  
took place -  
+ 8/11 in shot -

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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
+ The Sybil has suffered  
little in the action with the  
La forte - The ship was dis-  
guzed; all the lights were covered;  
in a moment the ports flew  
open, and a broadside was rapidly  
poured into <sup>the</sup> Enemy; a second was  
fired before the two guns were  
returned - The confusion on board  
the French man was great. They  
took the Sybil for an Indiaman  
"Grand Dieu" it is an English  
man of war!! returned the Cap.  
on receiving the first broadside -  
prepared ships to be sent to  
the Sub. - Lieut: Schender 9<sup>th</sup> March



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1799

Capt. Cook of the Sybil has  
lost his arm, it is said, amputated  
near the shoulder, the ball passed  
between the arm and side, and it  
is found has injured the spine

- Capt. Davis, went on board  
the Sybil a volunteer, nearly  
from a wish to see a naval  
action, he was killed early  
in the action by a grape  
shot from the greatest distance.

Sent Clubs to all the sub-  
scribers - Sent to Mr. H. of  
the Journal -

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1799

14  
O. a. m. Thes. — 02½

Sent Mr. W. Johnson my best  
Meadow - Capt. C. had  
never seen a Meadow. Pan-  
graph like Mr. W. Johnson show  
him his, a few days ago, and  
described its use.

- The Church is again to be  
totally altered - Organ - Pew-  
Doh - (Dome &c!!) - scarcity of  
money!!

Mr. H. has lent the Stenographers  
to Mr. Spoke - He is to send it  
to me now -

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
# a.m. Thur 02

Sultry - great change  
within these few days -

Visit from Mr. Wilson. He  
has discovered one case in  
the 2 part of Lambton's 7<sup>th</sup>

2 papers.

- reports respecting Capt. Cook  
most by fabricated in town

+ gave my 4<sup>th</sup> Lecture  
- Athology - well received  
addition to the reflections  
at the end -

- Mr. and Mrs. J. attended -

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 99  
# 1<sup>st</sup> a.m. Thur 01 1/2

Thin clouds

# 7/11 a.m. Thur 05

Long grass near the house  
greatly multiply Musquitoes

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Monday 11 March  
 Gazette extraordinary  
 accounts from Jude say  
 that in Sept. last, Buonaparte  
 attempted to reach some  
 a town between Cairo and  
 the Red Sea, but was attacked  
 and lost back to Cairo by the  
 Turks and Arabs with the  
 loss of 500 to 600 men - that  
 Alexandria was taken and the  
 Geyons put to the sword -  
 that Cairo was closely invested  
 that Gen. Buonaparte expected  
 permission to return to his own  
 country with credit, and offered  
 to deliver up the treasure  
 that the Turkish Govt. wanted  
 was that his orders were to put the  
 to death, and that a man should escape

1799

Tuesday 12 March  
 4  
 9 a.m. Thur ——— 84  
 Description very hot -  
 - within three to days, very  
 frequent has regularly lost  
 from 7" to 2" - I think about  
 " for every degree of rain in the  
 Thermometer -  
 + The Greeks and Romans  
 had no account higher  
 than the Antipomath -  
 + I and three months went  
 viz. for Dec. Jan. and Feb.  
 the bill for each month is  
 dated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of next  
 month ———

Gave my <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> Letter  
Abraham -  
+ A Letter from Mr. Copeland  
informing me that there was  
fun or fuss on the road  
due from Clark who had run  
away -

Capt. Cook is said to  
be out of all danger -

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Recd from Mr. W. J. Smith  
Robt's location on Mass  
paid for it to A. H. Off. -  
Dine -  
- Report - several packets

Thursday 14 March

at 10<sup>h</sup> a.m. Thur. 03

then detached flying clouds

6 p.m. Thur. 07½

+ with W. Fairbairn

I have been a boat over  
my assistant —  
went —

Friday 15 March 99

at 9 a.m. Fri. 04

returned to Capt. Pringle

his chest 57 vols 19 annals

+ Delivered to D. Agley a packet

for Mr. J. Moore Long Cor

cont: a letter to Mr. Ham

realt. and a packet of

letters addressed to Mr. Pringle

Mr. Low from Mr. V. Forsyth

12. Thur. — 03

Somewhat cloudy —

+ with Mr. W. Johnson —

+ B. is scarce for not being  
with us — I had not called on him

Saturday 16 March

This Even I concluded  
my course with a Lecture  
on Chemistry —

— no concluding reflections —

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Employed in Hamilton's  
papers — looking the proof  
+ with Mr. Farlie —

+ reviewed a letter from  
Mr. S. Davis at Bononia  
The Stone I received some  
time ago with his papers  
he says descended from the  
an Quarry the existence  
of a mine, which exploded  
with platoon near Kelly —

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~~1744~~

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Returned Lambert's proof to  
Mr. Douby

From Mr. Fairlie, Robertson's  
History of the Munros - The  
Pursuits of Literature and the  
Barian

Round of visits first since my  
recovery - Mr. M'butt - Mr.

Forsyth and Baillie, the latter  
looked a little humdrum and

scowled at a Map what to say for  
his Child to Mr. M'joshua for the

first of which he excuses him self  
for not dining with Mr. M'joshua

I was there, and had never called  
on him since I had been abroad.

The truth is I had not been  
abroad at all that time. In his  
Child he said I had refused to accom-

modate him with a sum till  
the monthly wages came round

"I was the manner of my refusing  
so coldly that he was offended at."

"I had always been welcome to his  
house when I had been often

"and now he heard nothing of  
me except when he sent

"for two papers through another  
hand"

The truth is  
two exchanged papers, two

on each side

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Tuesday 19 March

Employed in preparing the  
apparatus for a Lottery -  
found the Clean and discharge  
bin -

+ at home - ~~M. W. J. & Co.~~

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Wednesday 20 March

Summing the Frames of  
the Electrical apparatus &

+ at home - M. W. J. & Co.  
with us. Mr. W. is with  
us in the evening -

- Mr. Maudslayi is proposed  
to attempt the disposal  
of the public rooms by  
Lottery - a scheme in three  
days or more -

- at 10 p.m. a strong N.W.  
heavy rain - a repetition  
of it in the morning 4 or  
5 -



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Thursday 21 March -

+ bound the regulator -

This morning found the glass  
in one of the beams over the Moon  
to coincide by the Moon last  
night -

+ with Mr. W. P. J. St. -

Capt. Davis and Mr. L. D. G. -

Perjury among the Hindus  
nothing thought of - A wit-  
ness may be persuaded to swear

to any thing for one rupee  
wages. And there are men  
kept for their appearance in  
prison by the month -

- Men who wanted to  
arrest his neighbor for taking

ten thousand rupees out of  
his pocket (this number but even  
to) valued at six thousand rupees

When once a quarrel or  
misunderstanding has taken  
place between two nations  
it is seldom forgotten -

+ Days of hot war - rapine -

- Prudences seldom lost in  
Dr. Webster - boundward there  
in Perth -

- The Southern passage to  
Bombay at least three  
months the other four or  
even three weeks - To  
10° of South Lat. with Cape  
in not,

- Prof. G. K. is said to  
have an Italian and French  
people attending -  
Dr. M. - J. K. and others

Friday 22 March 1799  
- Good Friday - This is also  
a high festival of the Hindus  
lasts three days. Called  
- A letter from Penelope  
Latham at Worcester  
- A letter from J. Dick  
concerning his technical  
platform which I think I  
never had -

+ with Mr. Fawcett - He with Mr.  
to about -  
- Put on 3 caps on electric  
cylinders, all surrounded

1799  
Saturday 23<sup>d</sup> March

A letter and bag from  
Mr. B. - paper returned

- Put on a cap on the  
great cylinder with a new  
cement which seems well  
adapted to this climate

+ with Mr. Fairlie  
Visit from Dr. Duth - he has  
ordered his Electrical machine  
from Mr. Subcuter

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

The Southern Hawk not  
arrived - Several are due

- with Mr. Fairlie - He and Mr.  
at G. Dicks garden house -

- Evening Service - about  
14 in St. -

- pulled a carriage

Monday 25 March  
 Saw the animal trapped by  
 Mr Pitt from  
 - visit from Mr Lee - sets off  
 for Bombay to morrow in the 30-  
 coaster Capt Lytle -

- Dr Dick sent me his elec-  
 trical machine to repair -  
 Dr D recommends a Volney  
 for my apparatus

Tuesday 26 March  
 Employed on Dr Dick's electro-  
 cal machine -

Papers of this Day contain little  
 news -

+ wrote to Dr. Pulteney Scott  
 of Bombay a letter introducing  
 Mr Lee to him -

- Recd pay for books from  
 Mr Spalding -

+ At Home - Mr. W. Johnson  
 very sultry -

- Caps on the elect. machine  
 (Amal) conductor -

Wednesday 27 March

- Mr. B. consulted me about a mill for grinding or cutting bark - three iron wheels - two will produce the same effect - friction reduced -

La Fort

+ A List of Stems for the repair of La Fort capt by the Sybill

	Feet	In
Main mast	103	
Fore Dille	88	10 6
Mizzen Dille	71	
Boom sprit	62	10
Main yard	99	0 7/8
Fore yard	96	5

\* n. n. the main yard of a 90 gun ship in the British navy = 98 ft

Thursday 28 March

- Invented Dr Dubis Electric machine -  
- Invented the small Electric machine - very powerful

La Fort

Dimensions	Feet	In
Keel	158	2
Extreme breadth	44	0
Length of G. } (in lode) }	168	0

Keel on board of La Fort in the action with the Sybill 122 - wounded 79

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1799

Trunked and sent from  
Dr. Dick's Electrical machine  
in great order -

A chat for Mr. Bartlett  
short answer - another  
for B. longer - No  
answer - Mr. Wm. says  
he has had a long chat  
for B. on the same  
subject -

This morning gave Mr. W.  
a lesson on the seat and  
manner of adjusting it by  
the sun

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1799

- View of Sidney was put  
up in the great room

- Called on Mr. Dennis, along  
with Robt. Armstrong I  
brought his globe to be re-  
paired -

+ At home - Betty - some  
prognostics of a N. week  
+ a great fire to the East -

- My Boy informs me that  
a woman and child are  
burned, and a tow, now  
pampered by the Windows than  
the other two!! -

Sunday 31 March  
B with M. Lijohn -  
+ with M. Fankle  
overland packet - news  
from taken by the King of  
Naples - Guadalupe and  
Minora taken - Rebellion  
in the Netherlands - Tom  
taken and sentenced to be  
hanged - he presents it by  
several English and Irish  
Parliament prorogued -

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1799  
Amshury employed in M.  
Cromwell's letter  
+ with M. D - 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> April

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Friday 2 April 1781

Received the 3<sup>rd</sup> month book  
and Air works for Mr. Thi.  
Cauld —

+ with Mr. P. from Chouringto

— Trade of Discovery — Briefly  
by the table and a Key put into  
it at the 17<sup>th</sup> Psalm began

at the 17<sup>th</sup> verse — a thing is  
tied round the table so as

to keep the Key upright  
whenever that person reads

the above Poem another  
person and the supposed cut-

print supports the Key and  
table on the fore fingers, simi-

lar to the cap<sup>s</sup> of the watch  
and long. If the table falls

from around is guilty!!

— Cap. Bull and Judge Hyde  
is when in your house — The  
horns go with the Hyde —



Wednesday 3 April - 99

3 with Mr. Esjohn - took a  
set of Altitudes for the time -  
and several different artificial  
horizons -

+ took Mr. U - n - Evening  
to a walk to the Esplanade  
to see La Fale - The Lyceum  
Banks Hall -

- afternoon at the theatre a  
walk to -

- went off to winds the evening

Thursday 4 April 1799.

Some what cloudy - per-  
haps a n. wester at night  
+ Explanations from - - - -

no Padre - wishes to separate  
+ expects to be - m - I - will  
go with any - who will  
take!!! -

+ at home -  
Asiatic Society in the evening  
read a paper on the history  
of the religion of Buddha -  
collected from Bengallee  
authors -

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Friday 5 April 1799

A battle has taken place  
between Tipu and the Bombay  
army near in which the  
latter ~~was~~ victorious over  
the former the number  
of great British machines  
completed

Saturday 6 April 99

a Day of Prayers -  
at home M. U. with  
us -

*[Faint, illegible handwriting covering the lower two-thirds of the page]*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 95  
- In the new paper the  
"Relater" of this day is an  
account of M. Bouché the  
Cherokee chief - The pump his  
Electrical machine at Manilla  
suddenly lost its power, a severe  
shock of an earth quake followed  
he is also said to be acquainted  
with an art of evaporation &  
how supposed a "Progeny"  
at Manilla, that he had pre-  
dicted, was say caused the  
Earth quake!!

- Methodist compared a sinner  
to a sailor in a boat with one  
oar, cannot not advance. What  
can he do? A lazy lubber  
could a sailor, why don't he scull

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1795  
Last night very pretty -  
+ yesterday with Mr. W. -  
Mr. W. W. - & Mr. W. -  
Remained at Clarke's room -  
Paid two months - - -  
+ with Capt. Dawes - Capt.  
Warway, Lennox, and John -  
+ D. H. Scott explained several  
errors that had been cut off some  
English prisoners by order of  
Tippoo -  
- whether a Capt. should present  
an offer to give an opinion  
on the subject of the voyage

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1799

- This a holiday - called  
Purim Day - im-

more provisions -

- very sultry -

9<sup>h</sup> <sup>at</sup> Ther 80 -  
4 pm Ther 94 -

very object feels hot  
quite at what degree of the  
thermometer do objects begin  
to feel hot -

visit from Mr. Brown of  
Cheringham

- Second review of the Artillery  
to morrow at Sun Down.

at home - Mr. Wagon  
to Sun Down -

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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

- Last night blew pretty  
hard but did not arise to  
a N; West -

Mr. - x x x  
great fire at a considerable  
distance -

+ Between 2 and 3 o'clock this  
morning I felt a shock  
of an earthquake - The  
rapid motion of the bed was  
very sensible. It lasted about  
2 or 3 seconds - wind S. E.

blow in flames -  
- great fire to the East -

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1799  
4 a.m. Ther — 04°

Maze near the horizon —  
Wind S. westerly —

3<sup>rd</sup> Ther — 94°  
cloudy light and fresh westerly  
wind —

— from westerly third a thick  
foggy cloud — wind S. E. w.

+ with M. W. Johnson —

M. W. —

N. wester from Thursday but  
no rain, wind moderate —

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1799  
M. W. Johnson received a letter  
from M. Taylor with M. C.  
picture — not a good likeness  
+ with M. Francis — a letter  
from J. Fleming at Madras

- " The Grand Army was on the
- " 26<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> within three days
- " in view of Seringapatam
- " Tipped in full force to town
- " A battle was hourly expected

13

Saturday 13 March 1799  
Visit from Messrs. Harrington  
and Reed - Two envelopes to Ann  
one for Mr. H. - Showed the inven-  
tion of the Steam Engine -

++ On the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. a battle  
between the grand army &  
Napoleon the latter defeated, and  
beat off his ground - L. H.  
coming round soon -

- at home - Mr. W. in  
in any excellent song,  
Mr. B. in the war -  
+ Paper extra - contains  
gen. Harris's official  
letter -  
x x x - bottle wanted -

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
- at eight o'clock back  
evening, singular clouds  
like steamers in different  
parts of the heavens - in  
lines converging to a centre  
on the horizon - The  
colour was much like that  
of steamers, the lines  
or streaks had a progressive  
but no vibratory motion  
slight fleecy clouds

at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. -  
clouds of a shagreened dark  
colour near the horizon  
- seldom so long without M.  
auster

1799 -

Monday 15 April

8 a.m. Thw. — 0?

Temperature very cold. The  
 prospect for a great deal of  
 rain which must have  
 fallen in the neighbourhood.

— Visit for W. U. — The  
 house of Pincen and Paltins  
 has stopped

12 <sup>1/2</sup> in overcast — Thunder —  
 — Thermometer — 87°

3 P.M. a present of  
 2 boxes sugar  
 1 pot sugar candy  
 2 lb almonds  
 1 double box water  
 The sugar box is red paper

~~Tuesday 16 April~~

with W. U. —  
 † Distant Thunder — no rain  
 + at 9 in the evening went to  
 a marriage feast — son of  
 Gagey Moken — Court Jellid  
 up as formerly seats different  
 — several sets of dancing girls  
 — A company of 9 — 10 feet  
 square — supported at the corners  
 by four pillars, covered a great  
 extended for the bride groom —  
 — He entered the room at 12  
 attended by a numerous train  
 The B. G. was dressed in  
 a robe of purple richly or-  
 namented with gold and silver

embroidery - a great profusion  
of Jewels - among which 4 stones  
of large pearls, it is appraised 1000  
Swiss thousand pounds, beside  
a number of Diamonds on his  
Crown, Sash &c -

Before a row of Silver Vases  
Two in the middle, were of silver  
work and contained Bull's head  
rest on each side a silver cup  
with a Zivara - Then the row  
between and other, in silver vessels  
with long stems being encasing  
in a few small pots some  
which the water is sprun held  
on the company, &c. &c.

In front of the canopy were  
placed 4 attendants, two next  
to with long Silver Staves

Other two with short crooked  
silver ~~staves~~ sticks -

- on each side of the Arch. gown  
sat two pages - a sheet worn  
with crimson velvet between  
each and the B. G. - Behind  
in one row, four attendants  
two held a bundle of Peacock  
feathers called

+ To morrow, repetition and  
Wednesday night the mar-  
riage



Calcutta 1799

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Began by an evening my  
looks - and have destroyed  
several - doct -

+ with Mr. Harington

Messrs. King - Gilbert Byers  
and another Gentl. - By the  
letter I heard of the death of  
Mr. Forster -

+ (Deviations of Duple - (Deviation  
of particles - conjunctions -  
- with them we acquire them  
and by them we will defend them  
said by Mr. K. to be by made  
by J. Blair - others say  
Robertson -

- are not words the signs of Per

1799<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 18 April

- Committee of the Amicable Society  
with Tom -

+ with W. White -

M. F.'s house has lost little  
by Parnon and Pelling - Most of  
on their property is nearly the  
whole amount -

- Long ship in the stocks

Friday 19 April 1799  
Began settling up the  
year accounts -

- with M. Up - a walk  
after dinner - were not allowed  
to pass with out - making  
some repairs on the works near  
that gate - M. C. - d. - did not  
speak to her - Clark's affair

1799 The

Saturday 20 April  
Complaint of the Editor of the  
Telegraph against Jones of the  
Post office, respecting his not delivering  
the Madras papers - Both Madras  
and Bombay papers arrived

Wrote on Mr. Byers respecting  
Welling's return to the water

+ At Home -  
- The day very sultry -

1799

Sunday 21 April -  
+ with Mr. Fawcett -

a heavy squall - much thunder  
little rain - One flash distant  
1 1/2 like the discharge of a  
of musket, at the same in-  
stant of time, heard with  
gun how is such a sound  
converted into that long  
varied loud peal when at  
a greater distance? -

Monday 22 April  
Began a calculation of the  
transit of Mercury to be pub-  
lished in the paper -

+ with Mr. Taylor - a very  
thick N. W. wind - proce-  
ded lightning - hail -

Before it came on the clouds  
appeared to be breaking up  
but flying in detached frag-  
ments from the N. with some  
lightning - clear to the S. W. and  
thence it is said is a sure  
sign of a violent N. W.

It seems difficult to account  
for the phenomenon of N. W.

Tuesday 23 April 1799

Mr. Taylor sent Mr. Symonds  
referring to the time to be observed  
- at home -

+ There is a difference of about  
an hour and a quarter  
between my calculation of  
the Transit and the time  
in the Ephemeris of this  
year -

+ At home - Mr. Byers was  
to have dined with us but  
sent an apology - undisposed

- A very hard N. W. wind - much  
lightning and heavy rain -  
after an interval of two hours  
another N. W. - Try whether the  
clouds at the end are regularly E.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April -  
sent the calculation of the  
Transit to Mr. Hony -  
+ with Mr. M<sup>r</sup> - - - Capt  
St. Clair - Centennial question  
- Mr. Hony refused to appear  
on the parade with his officers,  
Britisher boys, &c. &c. - was or-  
dered home - had taken his  
papers before the order -  
- The India Debt is believed to  
have arisen - Above a million  
of money is said to be on board  
Dollars I suppose. This will  
be of great service as promised  
It will answer the double of our  
and creating confidence in the  
natives -

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1799  
This day's Gazette contains  
my calculation of the transit  
of mercury - cordially printed  
- sent to me it would in  
the port of tomorrow -  
- It has blown very hard for  
three or four days past. It  
is to be feared that much damage  
has happened to the shipping  
- went off in yesterday - total  
- too high - called along with  
Monday on Mr. Fairlie -  
+ Benoni Capt. Gibson on Tuesday  
- Father -

Friday 26 April

brought some examples of  
Luncheon with Mr. W. J. H.

+ At home — Shows hand

— News. Report on Mr. Thell.

of the news which drowned by

the oversetting of a boat —

Mr. Neumann has administered  
to him —

15.  
Saturday 27 April

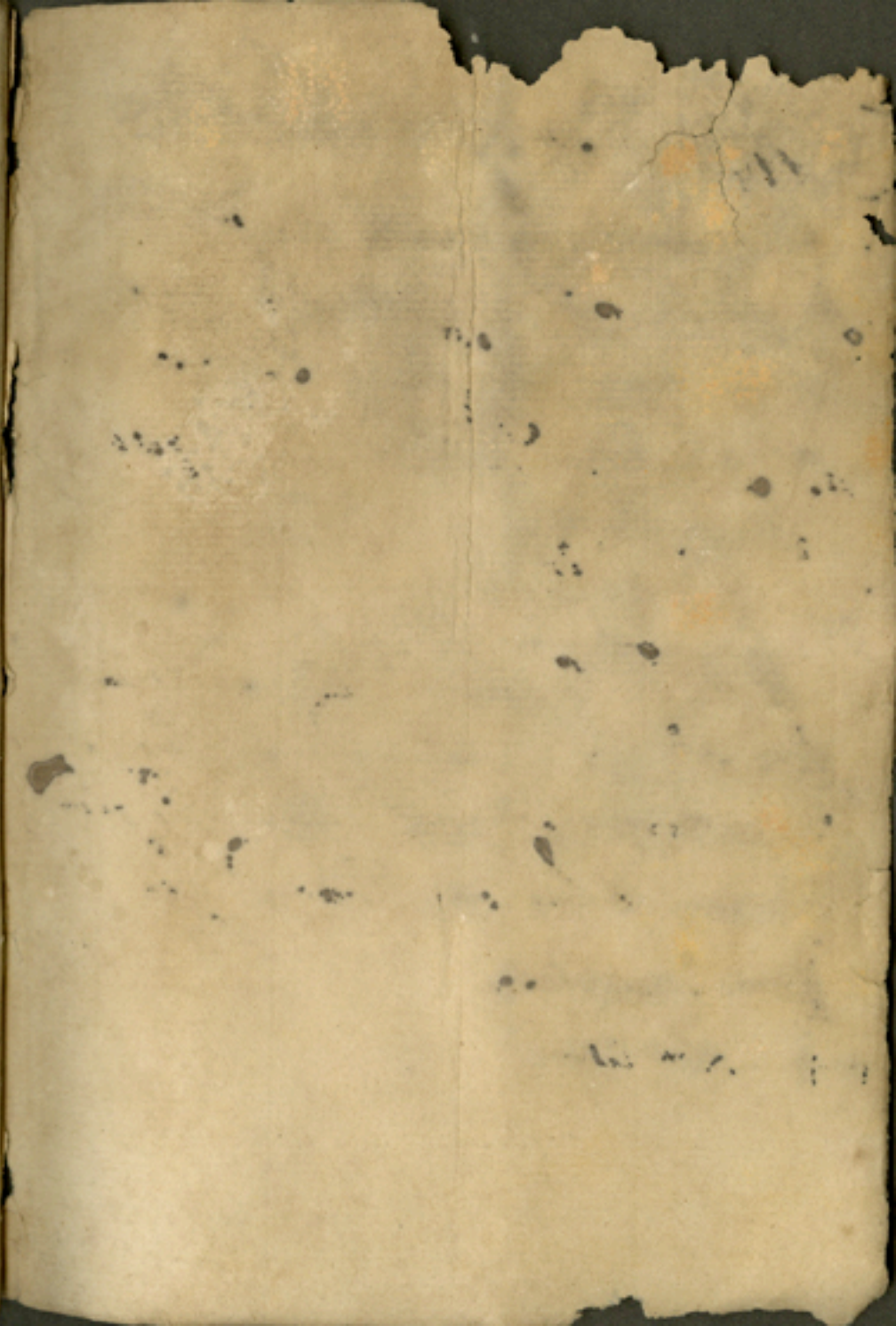
The judge was certainly  
arrived at Madras —

Monday 2<sup>d</sup> Decr 1790

This morning took a walk  
to see the grave of the La Fayette  
family near the City Bazaar  
- at 3 1/2 p.m. This 90

very pretty  
+ with Mr. White John  
- Messrs. F. G. and Co. it is re-  
ported has received a large  
remittance of cash from England  
money also on board for  
government -

++ X + W -



28 April - 1799