

The following, copied from a Sunday paper, is an extract of a letter from an English Officer in the Polygar country; it is more explicit on the horrid massacre at Ceylon than any detail yet published:—

“ A most horrible massacre took place a few days ago in Candy. After its capitulation, the Commanding Officer marched with a small detachment, to effect a junction with the nearest station of our army. When he reached the banks of a river about two miles from Candy, he found it impassable without rafts, and he had not the means of preparing them. The Adighar promised to assist them, provided they gave up the new Monarch whom we had placed on the throne. This was agreed to, but he treated our compliance with contempt, and refused to give the smallest aid. At that moment the Malay regiment went over with their arms to the Candians, leaving their Officers to be slaughtered.—Major Davy, finding his small party, consisting of 150 men, surrounded by an armed multitude, proposed that they should throw down their arms, and trust to the mercy of the Adighar. No sooner had they followed his advice than the Candians rushed in upon them, stripped them, led them out two by two, and beat out their brains with clubs. Eighteen Officers were put to death in this horrible way.—When the troops evacuated Candy, the monsters immediately murdered all the sick in their beds. This truly affecting account has been brought to Trincomale by a soldier of the 19th Regiment, who arrived in three days at Fort M'Dowall, where he related all the circumstances to Captain Mudge, stationed there. Capt. Mudge felt the necessity of retreating in the night, and was obliged to leave behind him 20 Europeans, all sick. He fought his way down to Trincomale with only ten men, the remains of 250. Such has been the fatal termination of Governor North's expedition against Candy. The number of lives lost in Ceylon is estimated at seven hundred.”