

CETLON GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, Sept. 28

The communication between Columbo and Manaar having been re-opened, we have received accounts of the state of the northern and eastern districts of this island during the last four weeks.

The Candians have invaded the province of Batticaloa, and succeeded in raising an almost general insurrection among its inhabitants. Joseph Smitz, Esq. its Agent of Revenue, had made a successful expedition on the 3d of this month with a small part of the garrison of the fort to Mamoene, killed 8 of the rebels, and dispersed them; but was obliged to return to the fort, having expended his ammunition. No later intelligence is arrived from the district; but we have reason to hope, that a continuation of similar exertions will, ere this, have expelled the enemy from it, and restored its internal tranquillity.

The Pandara Wannian, a chief of our parts of the Wanniy, who had already been once pardoned for rebellion, has again revolted, and with the assistance of a large body of the Candians, had at one time nearly over-run the northern districts.

A small party of his Majesty's Malay regiment stationed at Cotyal, had retreated at the approach of his troops; but that important district was immediately recovered, and the enemy driven beyond the frontier, by the light company of his Majesty's 19th regiment, which was detached for that purpose from Trincomallie.

On the 25th ult. the Candians in great force attacked the Government House at Moletivo, which, being untenable, Captain Driberg, of the Invalid Malays, withdrew the few Malay soldiers who were stationed at that post, in good order, to the boats which had been sent thither to secure his retreat, and brought them in safety to Joffanapatam.

Two numerous parties of rebels and Candians had penetrated into the province of Jaffna as far as Chundicolum and the Elephant's Pass; from the former place they were driven by a small party of the 34th regiment, commanded by Lieut. Downing, who was detached from Jaffnapatam, and succeeded in burning and destroying the magazines collected by them.

The other party had surrounded the small fort at Elephant's Pass, and unfortunately surprized a European soldier, whom they barbarously murdered, and two privates of the Jaffnapatam Independent Company.

They retired, however, from the fort, after remaining there for a day and a night, on the approach of Lieut. Jewell, of the 19th regiment, with a detachment from the garrison of Jaffnapatam, of which place he is commandant; and by the accounts received yesterday, the enemy had entirely evacuated that valuable province.

The Pandara Wannian had come down in person towards Werteltivoe with a great force, but retired almost immediately on the approach of Major William Vincent, of his Majesty's 19th regiment, with a part of the Manaar Independent Company; and by the active and judicious measures of that officer, the district of Manaar was soon entirely cleared of the enemy.