

INDIA.

*Extract from the MADRAS COURIER,
Jan. 15. 1806.*

Letters from Columbo mention the arrival of the American ship *President*, of Salem, detained by his Majesty's ship *Pitt*, Captain Bathurst.— Captain B. fell in with this ship on the 21st Nov. near the Isle of France, to which place she was apparently bound. She had made two voyages from the French islands to Batavia and the Moluccas, and had on board a very valuable cargo, consisting of spices, coffee, and sugar.

Letters have also been received, which mention, that two Portuguese vessels, supposed to have Dutch property on board, had been seized by the Commander of a British ship at Balamangan.

An American ship, trading at Rio, in the Straits of Malacca, was recently attacked by the Malay inhabitants of that place, who murdered the whole of the crew, excepting the Captain and one of his mates, and plundered the ship of every article of value.

*Extract of a Letter from Prince of Wales's
Island, dated September 30. 1805.*

“ On Wednesday the 18th inst. arrived in the harbour from Madras, his Majesty's ship *Blenheim*, Captain Austin Bissel, bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Troubridge. On anchoring, she was saluted with a compliment of 15 guns, which was immediately returned by her. The *Blenheim* was accompanied by the following ships, being part of the last fleet of Indiamen of this season for China, viz. Honourable Company's ships *Cumberland*, *Hope*, *Coutts*, *Exeter*, and *Warley*, having on board P. Dundas, Esq. Governor, and other members of the new Government of this island.

“ The Admiral, accompanied by the Honourable the Governor of Prince of Wales's island, and several of the Officers composing their respective suites, landed, (under an appropriate salute from the battery) precisely at half past six on Thursday morning, at the new wharf, where they were received by W. E. Philips, Esq. Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, Major G. Dick, Commanding Officer of the troops, and the principal civil servants and other inhabitants of the settlement, and conducted to the Government-house, through a street formed by all the troops off duty, extending from the Wharf to the north end of the Admiralty-house; drums beating, and fifes playing *Rulé Britannia*, in honour of the gallant Admiral.

“ The next day (Friday) being appointed for reading and publishing the respective commissions of the Hon. the Governor in Council of the new Government of this island, the same was carried into execution, with the customary forms and ceremonies observed on such occasions. The

commission of Colonel N. McAlister, nominated by the Court of Directors to command the troops on this station, was not notified till the following day, when that officer assumed charge of the garrison of Fort Cornwallis, with the usual military honours.

“ Sunday the 22d inst. being the anniversary of the coronation of his Britannic Majesty, the royal standard was displayed on board the *Blenheim* at sun-rise, and salutes from his Majesty's ships and the fort commemorated the event.

“ His Majesty's ship *Culloden*, C. Cole, Esq. Commander, from Madras, bearing the flag of his Excellency Admiral Sir Ed. Pellew, Commander in Chief of the naval force in the East Indies, anchored off the Government-house on the 23d. His Excellency landed about twelve o'clock, and was received with the usual honours. His Majesty's ship *Sceptre*, Capt. J. Bingham, came in company with the *Culloden*.

“ On the 24th arrived from a cruize, his Majesty's ships *Albion* and *Rattlesnake*; and, on the 25th, from Bombay, his Majesty's ship Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, Captain H. H. Christian, with the remainder of the last fleet of Indiamen, and Bombay ships for China under her convoy.

“ The uninterrupted succession of arrivals, for these few days past, has diffused an air of busy importance throughout the whole settlement, highly characteristic of the state to which, with due attention to its commercial interests, it promises one day to arrive; nearly thirty sail of ships of different descriptions, in which number the flagships of two eminently distinguished naval characters are included, now grace the harbour, and form a picture truly grateful to the eye. The harbour of Prince of Wales's Island itself, naked and unadorned, is a subject at all times deserving the attention of the marine painter; but when scattered with shipping, it may safely vie with the first naval port on this side the Cape for beauty of prospect.

“ The Hon. Company's ship *Devaynes*, Captain Adderley, arrived here from Madras, on the 4th inst.—She left that place on the 10th September, in company with some other Indiamen, bound to Europe, and was obliged to bear up for this port in consequence of having sprung a leak.

“ Passengers in the fleet of Indiamen arrived under convoy of the *Blenheim* :—

“ Philip Dundas, Esq. Governor of the Prince of Wales's Island; J. H. Oliphant, Esq. First in Council, and Warehouse-keeper; Alexander Gray, Esq. Second ditto, and Superintendent of Marine; Colonel Macalister, Third ditto, and Commanding Officer of the Garrison of Fort Cornwallis; H. S. Pearson, Esq. Secretary to the Government; Thomas Raffles, Esq. Assistant ditto; John P. Hobson, Esq. Accountant; William Robinson, Assistant ditto; Q. D. Thompson, Esq. Sub-Warehouse-keeper and Paymaster; J. Erskine, Esq. Assistant to the Superintendent and Marine Store-keeper; Rev. Atwell Lake, Chaplain; William Dick, Esq. (of the Bengal Establishment) Surgeon.—Ladies, Mrs Dundas, Mrs Grey, Mrs Raffles, Mrs Hobson; the Hon. Miss Wedderburn, Miss Oliphant, Miss Raffles, and Miss Hutchins.”