

EAST INDIES.

Asiatic Mirrors and *Calcutta Journals* to the 16th of December have been received. The *Topaze* frigate; Captain Lumley, had arrived out on the 9th of that month, bringing 150,000*l.* in specie. This, with other importations from England, and some from China, it was thought, would relieve the difficulties under which the mercantile world had lately been labouring. The *Topaze* was expected to sail a few days afterwards for Ceylon. The ship *Barkworth*, so long missing from Madras, had been spoken with on the 16th of November, off the Great Basses, by the *Lady Nugent*, from Columbo. The spasmodic *Cholera* is fast disappearing at Madras, and also at Bombay. Complaints are made that the attempts of Major Farquhar to establish a commercial intercourse between the English and several of the Malay Princes have been frustrated by the artful intrigues of Dutch Commissioners from the Government of Batavia. The inclination of the native Powers in that quarter to maintain a friendly communication with the English has been strongly marked; but the short-sighted policy of the Dutch, in confining the whole trade of the Archipelago to the port of Batavia, threatens a fatal blow to a commerce, which promised so many mutual advantages while in the hands of the English. It is surmised that since the re-occupation of Malacca by the Dutch Authorities, they have taken steps to acquire a footing at Acheen; but a hope is expressed that this project will be defeated. The son of Seyed Houssain, the son of an opulent merchant of Penang, who was some time ago placed upon the throne of Penang, has been driven from it by the legitimate Prince, with whom the English have cultivated a friendly intercourse. Indeed, the Government of Bencoolen is doing every thing to render the Island of Sumatra the emporium of trade in those parts. The spice plantations at Fort Marlborough are said to be in the most thriving condition, under the able management of the Lieutenant-Governor. Bajee Row was expected to reach Muttra about Christmas-day. Of the present situation and views of Appa Sahab nothing certain was known. The hilly country, into which he had retired, was free from disturbance, and the whole of Bietool was restored to tranquillity. Brigadier-General Arnold's division had successfully performed the duty on which it was ordered. The refractory Chief, Joud Sing had been reduced to submission, and compelled to fulfil the conditions demanded. Arjoon Sing, a Chief, who had possessed himself of Gorrah-kota, had sent in his submission, and waited upon Brigadier-General Watson in camp. The Court of Holkar had removed from Rampoorra to Indore, the ancient capital of his dominions.