Sir,

as I promised to send you an account when we received letters from my son in India, I take the first opportunity of informing you that my Lord and I have had the satisfaction of receiving each one letter from him, which we received yesterday. I conclude they came in the Box of letters which the Sarah Christnana brought last year from your Island. I shall therefore trouble you with a copy of both letters as to what regards the campaign—the letter to Lord Walsingham is dated from the Camp about 30 miles west of Dover on April 26, 1799.

Copy. Take an opportunity of sending a letter to Madras to take its chance of going by the first ship that may sail from thence for England. I should have written before, but there has been no communication open between us and the Camp since we left Pyraotla.

We have been for these two months cut off from all communication with the world. We left Pyraotla with the army, I think
March 6. We took our route to Seringapatam by Upper and from thence to the Southward by Bengalore. We saw the Hills they say are close to it, but not the Place itself. The Fortifications are represented to be vastly dismantled.

We then passed to the Southward again and went by Land and by Sea to the Southward of Mysore, where are Tombs and a Mosque which we crossed at a Place called Srithilly, which Helen is not laid down in the Map, continued our March along the South Side of the River till we reached Seringapatam, a Beautiful Site of which we got on April 4. from the Eastward of the Island, We passed the South Face of the Trench on the 5. and took up the Trench the Bombay Army had last War on the 6th.

Gen. Floyd went off with the 24th Foot and part of the Cavalry and a Regiment of Infantry to meet Gen. Sweet and the Bombay Army at Seringapatam, and they returned on the 16 or 17. Gen. Sweete Army are on the South Side of the River and have taken a position near the Camp where Cornwallis Trenches were opened last War with his Right to the River.

Gen. Floyd was sent off with the rest of the Cavalry from Seringapatam 4th for Campagna to meet a Small Army who are coming by with Supplies, We have just heard of them and expect to meet them to Morrow when we shall return to Seringapatam.

When we left Seringapatam Gen. Harris had a Strong Battery of 64 within about 1700 Yards of the Fort, a Dry Water Course, which completely Shelters the People, he was to take the Batteries of some further Advanced within about 1000 Yards from thence he was to Launch 1 Gun and they expected to erect a Breaching Battery & hit within about 500 Yards of the Fort by the 23rd or 24th it was not supposed the Place could hold out many Days as they say it is very Weak on this Side (the South West) for in all probability Tipper will be glad to accede to Lord Cornwallis Terms, when he sees the Value of his Capital is inevitable.

The Expanding Battery had been made on the South Side and was expected to Open the Day we Marched from Seringapatam.
The only Action we had with him before we arrived at Serengapatam was at Malacca, where he attempted to make a Stand, but was soon obliged to retreat with loss on his part. Our Roy. was No Ammonia Engaged that Day than being posted for about an Hour under a heavy Fire of some of his Eighteen Pounders.

It was extraordinary we saw nothing of any Body of his Troops till the next Day, when with our immense Equipment he might have delayed us so much, that from the lateness of the Season he might with great Probability have prevented our Operations at least in another Campaign.

This Horse attended us from Pyarctica, but our Troops do not consider them very formidable, their Attention is chiefly turned towards our Baggage, and they sometimes harass the line of March with Rockets but never attempt to make an Attack or come within our Reach, unless they can have an Opportunity of overpowering by their Numbers any Small Detachment that may stand in Their Way. We have Two Six Sunder [Gallipots]
attached to the which we have found very useful in preventing them from annoying us, and keep them completely at a distance, and save our stores considerably. It is astonishing the ground these guns go over, for of all countries suppose this to be the worst for roads, believe there never given you an account as near as possible of the principal part of your transactions. Th' you must excuse it not being very connected as from writing is hasty and from all our bustle of course not a little confused. We were in the Sun yesterday from six in the morning till six at night. This is the greatest Enemy you have to encounter in an Indian campaign and I assure you from our constant Marching I am almost knocked up. Pray remember me at all. Your affectionate son G. de Grey.

I shall tell you we have had no Histories of the Island nor has any attempt been made on it, and believe could not be taken without
great loss, as he has made it very strong, and
drawn a line of Fortifications entirely across the
Island, some way to the Northeast of this Fort
so that on Fort would be secure on the Island
until you first get Despatches of these Words —
which are Commanded by the Guns of the
Fort, the loss in our Army is at present very small
and they are in general Healthy if we get
This Convoy of Supplies &c. to Seringapatam.
I believe there is hardly a doubt of our Seizing

Thank you Lord Mornington's
Declaration which is the same thing you have
seen in the Papers —
the Letter to myself is dated May the 2, 99.

The Core of Seringapatam 40. West of Coromander
Cop y the Core — you approach his
certainly taken place, but believe it is near
nearby at an end, as we trust Seringapatam
must by this time, be in our Possession, but
Tippoo's People prevent all communications
between the Army and us, so effectually

What we have heard nothing of them since the
past Company. We are now on our return
to Seringapatam with a large quantity
of Supplies and expect to get off from here
so as to arrive there by the 12.

From really almost jumped
out with the intense heat and Fatigues, we
generally March at six O'clock in the Morn.
and do not arrive at our Ground till Four or
Three frequently not till Twelve, this you will
dwell is pretty good Trial under such a Sea
as we have here, without commonly a beat
to shelter you, the whole day —

The Sea is by far the greatest Enemy we
have had, and I must confess I should be glad
to leave it to those who like such general Works
and return to Europe after the War here —

as I conceive the Object of my coming to this
Country will then be fully attained —
I wish I had a Friend to get me
Lord Mornington's Dispatches with the Account
The Capture of Teringapation to take home.
While I am grumbling at the heat
and roaring like a Bull—Should tell
you I have had my health perfectly since I took the field, so that I believe I shall do
yet—and trust I shall be able to show you
my Saffronian Countenance in proper time.
for Black enough we all are, look at
the Wageroed behind my chair and then is
the glasses and do not see much difference as to
conclusion, I must confess.

I wish I could give you a sight of
Teringapation—it is certainly a most
Beautiful one, in the middle of these barren
Sands, however when we return I trust its Walls
will not be in to perfect a Stone, and thus the
Union—They will be decorating their
shattered remains—Ride Gory
My Daughters join in best compliments to
Mrs. Russell and hope she continues in Health
and your two Sons. I am
Sir
Your Most Obliged Humble Servant
Augusta Wellington—