1: With Clive in India, or the Beginnings of an Empire

These questions and more will be answered in G. A. Henty's With Clive in India: or, the Beginnings of an Empire. Set in mid-eighteenth century India, Sri Lanka and England, this book includes more than geographical, historical, and explanatory footnotes to aid the modern reader.

Every preparation was made on the preceding day, and fourstrong columns told off for the assault. Two of these were to attackby the breaches, the other two at the gates. Rafts were prepared toenable the party attacking by the new breach to cross the moat, whilethe columns advancing against the gates were to be preceded byelephants, who, with iron plates on their foreheads, were to chargeand batter down the gates. His force was now reduced to eighty Europeans, and a hundredand twenty Sepoys. The men leaped up and stood to theirarms, full of confidence in their ability to resist the attack. Soonthe shouts of the advancing columns testified to the equal confidenceand ardour of the assailants. Not a sound was heard within the walls of the fort, until theelephants advanced towards the gates. Then suddenly a stream of fireleaped out from loophole and battlement. So well directed and continuous was the fire, that the elephants, dismayed at the outburst of fire and noise, and smarting from innumerable wounds, turned anddashed away, trampling in their flight multitudes of men in the densecolumns packed behind them. These, deprived of the means upon whichthey had relied to break in the gates, turned and retreated rapidly. Scarcely less prolonged was the struggle at the breaches. At the firstbreach, a very strong force of the enemy marched resolutely forward. They were permitted, without a shot being fired at them, to cross thedry ditch, mount the shattered debris of the wall, and pour into theinterior of the fort. Forward they advanced until, without a check, they reached the first trench bristling with spikes. Then, as they paused for a moment, from the breastwork in front ofthem, from the ramparts, and every spot which commanded the trench, astorm of musketry was poured on them; while the gunners swept thecrowded mass with grape, and bags of bullets. Three times, stronglyreinforced, they advanced to the attack; but were each time repulsed, with severe slaughter. Still less successful were those at the other breach. A great raft, capable of carrying seventy, conveyed the head of the storming partyacross the ditch; and they had just reached the foot of the breach, when Clive, who was himself at this point, turned two field piecesupon them, with deadly effect. The raft was upset and smashed, and thecolumn, deprived of its intended means of crossing the ditch, desistedfrom the attack. Among those who had fallen, at the great breach, was the commander of the storming party; a man of great valour. Four hundred of hisfollowers had also been killed, and Riza Sahib, utterly disheartenedat his repulse at all points, decided not to renew the attack. After the repulse of the assault, the heavy musketry fire from thehouses around the fort was continued. This was granted, and on its conclusion the musketry fire was resumed, and continued until two in the morning. Then suddenly, it ceased. Under cover of the fire, RizaSahib had raised the siege, and retired with his army to Vellore. On the morning of the 15th, Clive discovered that the enemy haddisappeared. The joy of the garrison was immense. Every man feltproud, and happy in the thought that he had taken his share in asiege, which would not only be memorable in English history till theend of time, but which had literally saved India to us. The littleband made the fort re-echo with their cheers, when the news came in. Caps were thrown high in the air, and the men indulged in everydemonstration of delight. Clive was not a man to lose time. The men were at once formed up, andmarched into the abandoned camp of the enemy; where they found fourguns, four mortars, and a great quantity of ammunition. Not a moment was lost, for Clive felt the importance of, at once, following up the blow inflicted by the repulse of the enemy. Threedays were spent, in continuous labour, in putting the fort of Arcotagain in a position of defence; and, leaving Kilpatrick in chargethere, he marched out with two hundred Europeans, seven hundredSepoys, and three guns, and attacked and took Timari, the little fortwhich before baffled him. This done, he returned towards Arcot to await the arrival of athousand Mahratta horse, which Murari Reo had promised him. When thesearrived, however, they proved unwilling to accompany him. Just at this moment, the news came in that reinforcements fromPondicherry were marching to meet Riza Sahib at Arni, a placeseventeen miles south of Arcot, twenty south of Vellore. When the Mahrattas heardthe news, the chance of booty at once altered their intentions, andthey declared themselves ready to follow Clive. The greater portion of them, however, had dispersed, plundering over the country, and greatdelay was caused before they could be collected. When six hundred ofthem had been brought together, Clive determined to wait no longer, but started at once for Arni. The delay enabled Riza Sahib, marching down from Vellore, to meet hisreinforcements; and when Clive, after a forced march of twenty miles, approached Arni, he found the enemy, composed of three hundred Frenchtroops, two thousand five hundred Sepoys, and two thousand horsemen, with four guns, drawn up before it. Seeing their immense superiorityin numbers, these advanced to the attack. Clive determined to await them where he stood. The position was anadvantageous one. He occupied a space of open ground, some threehundred yards in width. On his right flank was a village, on the lefta grove of palm trees. In front of the ground he occupied were ricefields, which, it being the wet season, were very swampy, and altogether impracticable for guns. These fields were crossed by acauseway which led to the village, but as it ran at an angle acrossthem, those advancing upon it were exposed to the fire of the Englishfront. Clive posted the Sepoys in the village, the Mahratta horsemenin the grove, and the two hundred English, with the guns, on the ground between them. The enemy advanced at once. His native cavalry, with some infantry, marched against the grove; while the French troops, with about fifteenhundred infantry, moved along the causeway against the village. The fight began on the English left. There the Mahratta cavalry foughtbravely. Issuing from the palm grove, they made repeated charges against the greatly superior forces of the enemy. But numbers told, and the Mahrattas, fighting fiercely, were driven back into the palmgrove; where they, with difficulty, maintained themselves. In the meantime, the fight was going on at the centre. Clive openedfire with his guns on the long column marching, almost across hisfront, to attack the village. The enemy, finding themselves exposed to a fire which they were powerless to answer, quitted the causeway, andformed up in the rice fields fronting the English position. The guns, protected only by a few Frenchmen and natives, remained on thecauseway. As the column issued from the village along the causeway, at a rapidpace, the French limbered up their guns and retired at a gallop. Theinfantry, dispirited at their disappearance, fell back across the ricefields; an example which their horsemen on their right, alreadydispirited by the loss which they were suffering, from thenewly-arrived English musketry and the discharges of the field pieces, followed without delay. Clive at once ordered a pursuit. Three times theenemy made a stand, but each time failed to resist the impetuosity ofthe pursuers, and the night alone put a stop to the pursuit, by whichtime the enemy were completely routed. The material loss had not been heavy, for but fifty French and ahundred and fifty natives were killed or wounded; but the army wasbroken up, the morale of the enemy completely destroyed; and it wasproved to all Southern India, which was anxiously watching the struggle, that the English were, in the field of battle, superior totheir European rivals. This assurance alone had an immense effect. Itconfirmed, in their alliance with the English, many of the chiefswhose friendship had hitherto been lukewarm; and brought over manywaverers to our side. In the fight, eight Sepoys and fifty of the Mahratta cavalry werekilled or disabled. The English did not lose a single man. The Mahrattas captured the treasure, the prospect of which had induced them to join in the fight, and thegovernor of Arni agreed to hold the town for Muhammud Ali. Clive moved on at once to Conjeveram, where thirty French troops andthree hundred Sepoys occupied the temple, a very strong building. Clive brought up two eighteen-pounders from Madras, and pounded thewalls; and the enemy, seeing that the place must fall, evacuated it inthe night, and retired to Pondicherry. North Arcot being nowcompletely in the power of the English, Clive returned to Madras; andthen sailed to Fort Saint David, to concert measures with Mr. Saundersfor the relief of Trichinopoli. This place still held out, thanksrather to the feebleness and indecision of Colonel Law, who commanded the besiegers, than to any effort on the part of the defenders. He had, however, perceived that theoperations there were wholly secondary, and that Trichinopoli wasstill the all-important point. Strongreinforcements and a battering train were sent forward to thebesiegers; and, by repeated messages, he endeavoured to impress uponLaw and Chunda Sahib the necessity of pressing forward the capture of Trichinopoli. But Dupleix was unfortunate in his instruments. Law was alwayshesitating and doubting. Chunda Sahib, although clever to plan, wasweak in action; indecisive, at moments when it was most necessary thathe should be firm. So then, in spite of the entreaties of Dupleix, hehad detached a considerable force to besiege Clive. Dupleix, seeingthis, and hoping that Clive might be detained at Arcot long enough toallow of the siege of Trichinopoli being brought to a conclusion, hadsent the

three hundred French soldiers to strengthen the force of RizaSahib. He had still an overpowering force at Trichinopoli, Law having ninehundred trained French soldiers, a park of fifty guns, two thousandSepoys, and the army of Chunda Sahib, twenty thousand strong. InsideTrichinopoli were a few English soldiers under Captain Cope, and asmall body of troops of Muhammud Ali; while outside the walls, betweenthem and the besiegers, was the English force under Gingen, the menutterly dispirited, the officer without talent, resolution, orconfidence. Before leaving the troops with which he had won the battle of Arni, Clive had expressed, to the two young writers, his high appreciation of their conduct during the siege of Arcot; and promised them that hewould make it a personal request, to the authorities at Fort SaintDavid, that they might be permanently transferred from the civil tothe military branch of the service; and such a request, made by him, was certain to be complied with. He strongly advised them to spendevery available moment of their time in the study of the nativelanguage; as, without that, they would be useless if appointed tocommand a body of Sepoys. The boys lost not a moment in sending down to Madras, to engage theservices of a native "moonshee" or teacher. They wrote to their friendJohnson, asking him to arrange terms with the man who understood mostEnglish, and to engage him to remain with them some time. A few days later, Tim Kelly came in. He looks for all the world like amonkey, wrapped up in white clothes, but he spakes English after afashion, and has brought this letter for you. The cratur scarce lookslike a human being, and I misdoubt me whether you had better let himin. He has come to teach us the nativelanguage. As for Tim, he quite lost patience at this devotion to study on thepart of his master; who, he declared to his comrades, went on just asif he intended to become a nigger and a hathen himself. The littlecratur a-twisting his shrivelled fingers about, that looks as if thebones were coming through the skin. I wonder what the good father atBlarney, where I come from, you know, Corporal, would say to sichgoings on. Your master is a braveyoung gentleman, and is a deal more sensible than most of them, whospend all their time in drinking wine and playing cards. A knowledgeof the language is most useful. December passed quietly; and then, in January, , an insurrection planned by Dupleix broke out. The governor of Pondicherry had beensuffering keenly from disappointments; which, as time went on, and hisentreaties and commands to Law to attack Trichinopoli were answeredonly by excuses and reasons for delay, grew to despair; and heresolved upon making another effort to occupy the attention of the manin whom he already recognized a great rival, and to prevent his takingsteps for the relief of Trichinopoli. Law had over and over againassured him that, in the course of a very few weeks, that place wouldbe driven by famine to surrender; and, as soon as Clive arrived atFort Saint David, Dupleix set about taking steps which would againnecessitate his return to the north, and so give to Law the time whichhe asked for.

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See Article History Alternative Titles: In his first governorship â€"60 he won the Battle of Plassey and became master of Bengal. In his second governorship â€"67 he reorganized the British colony. First years in India At Madras, Clive was moody and quarrelsome; he attempted suicide and once fought a duel. Hostilities between the British and French East India companies and their competitive support of rival Indian princes drew Clive into military service and gave him a chance to demonstrate his ability. In the next months Clive established himself as a brilliant exponent of guerrilla tactics. In March he left Madras with his bride, Margaret Maskelyne, and something of a fortune, having been appointed in a commissary for the supply of provisions to the troops. In, after unsuccessfully standing for Parliament, he was sent out again to India, this time as governor of Fort St. With him went troops intended to expel the French from India. On the way, at the request of the government in Bombay now Mumbai , he stormed the pirate stronghold at Gheriah on the western coast. Reaching Madras in June, Clive immediately became involved in the affairs of Bengal, with which, henceforward, his fate was to be linked. Hitherto Bengal had been ruled by viceroys of the figurehead Mughal emperor, and it was under their protection that the British East India Company carried on its trade. The principal city, Calcutta now Kolkata, had come to rival Madras as a trading centre, and its commerce was the most valuable in India. After some delay, Clive was given command of the relief expedition and set out on October 16, , with Europeans and 1, Indians. This victory made Clive the virtual master of Bengal. A challenge from the Mughal crown prince was repulsed at Patna in In addition, by the dispatch of a force under Col. First, he accepted not only full compensation for losses to the East India Company and the Calcutta citizens but also large payments to himself and the council. This example opened the way to a flood of corruption that nearly ruined both Bengal and the company and which Clive himself later struggled to control. Since the company possessed paramount force and its servants believed in working on their own behalf, this had a most harmful effect on the economy of Bengal. He had snatched the richest province of India out of the hands of his political superiors and with the authority of the Mughal regime. Returning to England in February , he was given an Irish peerage as Baron Clive of Plassey in and was knighted in His critics, led by a former friend who was then chairman of the company, tried to cut off the income from his Indian estates. Though they failed to ruin him, they did prevent him from becoming a national statesman. Clive was appointed governor and commander in chief of Bengal with power to override the council. But there was a political and military vacuum between Bengal and Delhi the Mughal capital, and the whole Bengal administration was in chaos. His work falls into three parts: In his external policy Clive had to face one of the most difficult tests of statesmanship: The emperor was solaced with an annual tribute, and in return he conferred the revenue administration dewanee of Bengal on the East India Company. It gave legal authority to the company to collect the revenues of Bengal and Bihar, sending the emperor only his annual tribute. The administration of the dewanee was organized through a deputy nawab appointed by the company. Within two days of landing, he superseded the Calcutta council, which had defied his predecessor, Henry Vansittart. He reestablished discipline by accepting all resignations, enforcing others, and bringing replacements from Madras. All company servants were required to sign covenants not to receive presents worth more than 1, rupees without the consent of the governor. Private trade, the abuse of which had caused the war, was forbidden. Clive tried to meet the difficulty by forming a trading company that administered the salt monopoly and in which the servants received shares according to their rank. Clive dealt with the army with equal rigour. He cut down swollen allowances and faced with dauntless courage the White Mutiny of discontented officers, when for a time he stood almost alone in Bengal. Clive left Calcutta in January His second government was his crowning achievement, but he had made many enemies. An active group, supported by Lord Chatham, feared the corrupting influence of Indian wealth on English public life. With his already shaken health, the strain on his melancholic temperament was too great:

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It is one of the books freely available on ManyBooks. I love the latter and have glanced briefly at the former; I made the assumption that this story would be similar eno Just because something was written over a century ago, that does not mean it was written well. I love the latter and have glanced briefly at the former; I made the assumption that this story would be similar enough to appeal to my tastes. Alas, it did not. While it was not quite as painful as the worst book to have plagued my eyes, it did its best. It is a piece of historical fiction, the Sharpe of its day. It claims to follow the life of fictional Charlie Marryat from the fatherless youngster sent to the employ of the East India Company to the battle-hardened soldier who just cannot put a foot wrong. Now, I am far from adverse to historical fiction: I have devoured pretty much every single Bernard Cornwell work that has crossed my path. But I do not like historical fiction which seems unable to make up its mind whether it wants focus more on the fiction or the history. These are not brief forays into the realm of fact either â€" they are many thousand-word breaks away from the fiction. This perhaps would not have been so blatant if G. Unfortunately, his prose reads far too much like a history book, which requires a particular frame of mind to absorb. The aforementioned flicking from one genre to another gives little time to prepare such a mindset. Charlie asks him why Britain interferes in the affairs of Indian politics. A conservative estimate suggests that this book has words to a page, which means that this reply consisted of words of almost pure narrative. And this was one of the short ones. One particular danger when covering national events in a country unfamiliar to the reader is the local names â€" those of the places and the people. I could reel off a number of Mexican towns, cities and regions â€" in fact, let us try it: I imagine you probably stopped registering them after the third one. I know I would have done. Now, a couple of people: Without looking, try and recall the place names. Good, now the individuals. They probably mean nothing to the majority of you and, consequently, I dare say few of them really stuck in your mind. Perhaps you might be more able to recall them if you were warned before reading them. But you did not expect to have a memory exercise while reading a book review blog, did you? Such is the scale of the events Henty tries to include that the reader is simply inundated Indian names, mixed in with a couple of French and English, and there is no real time invested in building up an image for each one. Alas, Henty gives no such reading aid. What makes this lack of structure all the more galling is the fact that Henty occasionally displays an ability to tell a good battle. It is an engaging account; he gives an overview of what was going on as well as detailing individual events within the battleground itself. He uses the scenario to give us an idea of what, which has until now been pretty much absent, Clive is actually like as a person: Unfortunately, this is 3 pages of story almost hidden away within 28 pages of exposition. In fact, though the bulk of this review has been raging against how the book was put together, the fiction which was told was not up to much either. It is, however, far better than this. Henty does not buy into the idea of subtlety. Doctor Rae has just been told, by Captain Clive, what the plan of attack is, and its many risks. This plan was thought up by Clive himself. But I recognise the importance of the enterprise. If you should succeed, it will draw off Chunda Sahib from Trichinopoli. I realise this review has merely deteriorated a rather long rant. I shall complain about just one last flaw. The characterisation, frankly, sucked. He has no flaws at all. He is handsome, good at sports, intelligent yet does not look down on others, brave, a natural with languages as a language graduate, this one particularly rankles, easy-going yet hard working, just, wise beyond his years, bland. Nothing makes this guy bat an eyelid: There is no depth to him. Or any of the characters, for that matter. His Irish servant Tim is idiotic. His Uncle Tufton is pompous. Doctor Rae is reasonable. Each of them are almost entirely summed up with these single adjectives. Bah, enough is enough. Writing this just makes me angry. Simply put, the book is just badly written: Probably did not help that this was pretty much the running theme of the book:

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Sent to India to make his fortune as a merchant, an English youth returns home after a ten-year adventure in which he makes a fortune and receives military honors while assisting the triumph of British influence in the Indian Empire.

The Pirates Of The Pacific. A regular watch was set, both on the plateau and on board ship. Towards morning, one of the watch on board hailed the officer above: It seems tome like the splash of a very large number of oars. Although the night was perfectly still, and not a breathof wind was stirring, he heard a low rustling sound, like that of thewind passing through the dried leaves of a forest, in autumn. I will call the captain, at once. Barlow, the young lieutenant in charge of the troops, toplace half his men across each end of the plateau. The back wasdefended by a cliff, which rose almost perpendicularly from it to aheight of some hundred feet; the plateau being some thirty yards, indepth, from the sea face to its foot. The male passengers were requested to divide themselves into two parties, and to join the soldiers in defending the position against flank attacks. The gunswere all loaded, and the sailors then set to work dragging up bales ofgoods from below, and placing them so as to form a sort of breastworkbefore the guns along the sea face. The noise at sea had, by this time, greatly increased; and although itwas still too dark to see what was passing, Captain Thompson said thathe had no doubt, whatever, that the boats had one or more large shipsin tow. I expect that they hoped to catch us napping, but the wind felland delayed them. They little dream how well we are prepared. Did theyknow of our fort here, I question whether they would have venturedupon attacking us at all, but would have waited till we were well atsea, and then our chance would have been a slight one. Ithink, now, the pirates are well inside the bay. In half an hour weshall have light enough to see them. Ifancy there are two ships moored broadside on, stem and stern. Presently, against the faintly dawning lightin the east, the masts of two vessels could be seen. One was a largeship, the other a brig. They were to aim between wind and water, and strive to sink her asspeedily as possible. As the light gradually grew brighter, the party on the plateauanxiously watched for the moment when the hull of the Indiamanbecoming plain to the enemy. These would open fire upon it, and sogive the signal for the fight. At the first alarm the tents had allbeen levelled; and a thick barricade of bales erected, round a slightdepression of the plateau at the foot of the cliff in its rear. Herethe ladies were placed, for shelter. As the light increased, it could be seen that in addition to the twoships were a large number of native dhows. Presently, from the blackside of the ship, a jet of fire shot out; and at the signal abroadside was poured into the Indiaman by the two vessels. At the samemoment, with a hideous yell, hundreds of black figures leaped to theirfeet on the beach, and rushed towards the, as yet, unseen position of the English. The captain shouted "Fire! The captain thengave orders that two of the light guns should be run along theterrace, to take position on the flanks, and aid the soldiers against the attacks. This time Charlie had lent his rifle to Peters, and was himself armedwith his double-barrel gun. The steep ascent checked them, butthey rushed up until within ten yards of the line of soldiers on itsbrow. Hallam gave the word to fire, and the soldiers andpassengers poured a withering volley into them. At so short a distance, the effect was tremendous. Completely sweptaway, the leading rank fell down among their comrades; and these, for amoment, recoiled. Then gathering themselves together they again ushed forward, while those in their rear discharged volleys of arrowsover their heads. Among the defenders, every man now fought for himself, loading andfiring as rapidly as possible. Sometimes the natives nearly gained afooting on the crest; but each time the defenders, with clubbedmuskets, beat them back again. The combat was, however, doubtful, for their assailants were manyhundred strong; when the defenders were gladdened with a shout of "Make way, my hearties. Let us come to the front, and give them adose. The effect was decisive. The natives, shaken by the resistance they had already experienced, and appalled by the destruction wrought bythe cannon, turned and fled along the shore, followed by the shots ofthe defenders, and by two more rounds of grape, which the sailorspoured into them before they could reach their boats. Similar success had attended the defenders of the other flank of the position, and all hands now aided in swinging round the guns, which had done such good service, to enable them to bear their share in the fight with the ships. In the middle of the fight, the party had hearda great cheer from those working the seaward guns, and they now sawits cause. The brig had disappeared below the water, and the sailorswere now engaged in a contest with the ship. The pirates fought their guns well, but they were altogether overmatched by the twenty guns playing upon them from a commandingposition. Already the dhows were hoisting their sails, and one of thecables of the ship suddenly disappeared in the water, while a number of men sprang upon the ratlines. Let all with muskets and rifles try to keep men out of the rigging. The sailorsworked their guns with redoubled vigour, and a great shout arose asthe mainmast, wounded in several places, fell over the side. James, take all the men that can be spared from the guns, man theboats, and make a dash for the ship at once. I see the men are leavingher. Set all your strength putting it out. We willattend to the other boats. Theyhad fallen into a complete trap, and instead of the easy prey on whichthey calculated, found themselves crushed by the fire of a heavybattery in a commanding position. Captain Thompson, seeing that theguns of the ship were silent, and that all resistance had ceased, nowordered the sailors to turn their guns on the dhows and sink as manyas possible. These, crowded together in their efforts to escape, offered an easy mark for the gunners, whose shot tore through their sides, smashing and sinking them in all directions. In ten minutes the last of those that floated had gained the mouth of the bay and, accompanied by the boats, crowded with the crews of thetwo pirate vessels, made off; followed by the shot of the thirty-twopounders, until they had turned the low promontory which formed thehead of the bay. Long ere this Mr. The boats were sent back to shore, and returned with Captain Thompsonand the rest of the sailors, and this reinforcement soon enabled themto get the mastery of the flames. Shewas now painted entirely black, and a snake had been added for herfigurehead. Her former armament had been increased andshe now carried thirty guns, of which ten were thirty-two pounders. A subsequent search showed that her hold was stored with valuablegoods; which had, by the marks upon the bales, evidently belonged to several ships; which she had, no doubt, taken and sunk after removing the pick of their cargoes. The prize was a most valuable one, and the captain felt that the board of directors would be highly delighted atthe recovery of their ship, and still more by the destruction of thetwo bands of pirates. The deck of the ship was thickly strewn with dead. Among them was thebody of a man who, by his dress, was evidently the captain. From someof the pirates who still lived, Captain Thompson learned that the brigwas the original pirate, that she had captured the Dover Castle, thatfrom her and subsequent prizes they had obtained sufficient hands toman both ships, all who refused to join being compelled to walk theplank. These were the only two pirate ships in those seas, so far asthe men knew. The news of the Indiaman being laid up, refitting at the island, wasbrought by the native craft they had seen on the day after their arrival; and upon its being known, the natives had insisted in joiningin the attack. The pirate captain, whose interest it was to keep wellwith them, could not refuse to allow them to join, although he wouldgladly have dispensed with their aid, believing his own force to befar more than sufficient to capture the vessel, which he supposed tobe lying an easy prize at his hands. Another ten days were spent in getting the cargo and guns on board theLizzie Anderson, and in fitting out both ships for sea. James and a portion of the crew being placed on board the prize, theysailed together for India. The Dover Castle proved to be much thefaster sailer, but Captain Thompson ordered her to reduce sail, and tokeep about a mile in his wake, as she could at any time close up whennecessary; and the two, together, would be able to oppose a determined front, even to a French frigate, should they meet with one on theirway. The voyage passed without incident save that, when rounding the southern point of Ceylon, a sudden squall from the land struck them. The vessel heeled over suddenly, and a young soldier, who was sittingon the bulwarks to leeward, was jerked backwards and fell into thewater. Charlie Marryat was on the quarterdeck, leaning against the rail, watching a shoal of flying fish passing at a short distance. In the noise and confusion, caused by the sudden squall, the creaking of cordage, the flapping of sails, and the shouts of the officer to letgo the sheets, the fall of the soldier was unnoticed; and Charlie wasstartled by perceiving, in the water below him, the figure of astruggling man. He saw, at once, that he was unable to swim. He seizedhim by the collar, and held him at a distance. When hecame up he seized him again, and again shouted: The Indiaman was still in confusion. The squall had been sudden andstrong. The sheets had been let go, the canvas was flapping in thewind, and the hands were aloft reducing sail. She was already somedistance away from him. The sky was bright and clear, and Charlie, whowas surprised at seeing no attempt to lower a boat, saw a signal runup to the masthead. Looking the other way, he saw at once why no boat had been lowered. The Dover Castle was but a quarter of a mile astern. Carrying lesssail than her consort,

she had been better prepared for the squall, and was running down upon him at a great rate. A moment later a boat was swung out on davits, and several men climbedinto it. The vessel kept on her course, until scarcely more than herown length away. Then she suddenly rounded up into the wind, and theboat was let fall, and rowed rapidly towards him. In another minute they were dragged into the boat. This was soonalongside the ship, and three minutes later the Dover Castle waspursuing her course, in the track of the Lizzie Anderson, having signalled that the pair had been rescued. Charlie found that the soldier was an Irish lad, of some nineteenyears old. His name, he said, was Tim Kelly, and as soon as he hadrecovered himself sufficiently to speak, he was profuse in hisprofessions of gratitude to his preserver. He had not been permitted to communicate with his friends onshore, but had been kept in close confinement, until he had been putin uniform and conveyed on board the Lizzie Anderson, half an hourbefore she sailed. There was no fighting inIndia, and neither honor, glory, nor promotion to be won. TheCompany, then, were driven to all sorts of straits to keep up even the small force which they then maintained in India, and their recruiting agents were, by no means, particular as to the means they employed tomake up the tale of recruits. The vessels did not again communicate until they came to anchor in Madras roads, as the wind was fair and Captain Thompson anxious toarrive at his destination. During these few days, Tim Kelly hadfollowed Charlie about like a shadow. Upon their arrival they saw, to their satisfaction, that the Britishflag was waving over the low line of earthworks, which constitute the British fort.

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