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property of the Inhabitants without Town, such as Gardens &
Gardenhouses should likewise be secured to them, but that
he could not possibly comply with the Commandants proposal
of a Cession of Arms for five days. At my Return to the
Fort, which was about 5 the same Evening, I was accompa-
nied by the Viscount de Houditot Brigadier General, a Major
of Grandiers, and another Officer to know the Commandants
final Determination to the Proposals of the General Mon-
sieur Dulhelmin.

Thursdy. Apr^l the 4. The french Marched in. A day of so much
Trouble to me, that towards the Evening I grew very ill,
hot & weak. And my Mind was so dejected, that the
Mercies of God vouchsafed to this Place in these Dangers,
and the many thanks, I received from the Inhabitants
who all attributed the good Behaviour of the french to

my Interposition could not console my Mind in the Least.

The English Seapoys, having three Months Pay due to them, plundered in the Night the Chiefs House, and were the only People, of whom we had reason to be afraid, As they had often made us uneasy before the taking of the Place.

Friday April. 5 Sick and full of Trouble begin this day the 40th

Year of my Life. O Lord have mercy on me & them, that belong to me, consider my Trouble, and give me Ease, ~~consider~~ my fear and grant me Security, my Weakness and Strengthen me, my Anxiety and Comfort me, my Burthen and relieve me, my Sickness and heal me.

Saturday April. 6. The Rain and Thunder refreshed and cooled the air & my Body, and I recovered my Spirits.

Sunday April. 7. Divine Service at Church in English, Malabar and Portuguese as usual.