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to the unhappy Sufferers, when I came to them together with the Surgeon, & told them, that a french Commissary would be sent with them to the next Port of Ryder's viz. Chelembroom, that I had got liberty to correspond with them, & to spend them such Things as they might be in Want of.

Tuesday July 2. Notwithstanding the Chiefs & the Intendants Remonstrances they got from the Admiral positive Orders to send to Ryder the Gentleman Prisoners of the Yarmouth too, among whom there are many Officers belonging to the Army. Monsieur Suffren has offered an Exchange of Prisoners, declaring at the same time, that in case of a Refusal, he would be obliged to send his Prisoners to Ryder to be kept by him, as he had no proper Place to put them in. And therefore he thinks himself obliged to pursue this Measure & justified in it. However I was assisted by proper Persons ^{to} hiding some of these unhappy Gentlemen in my House, for one of which, telling me of his Uncle being in

the french Service, by mentioning this Circumstance, I procured
Leave from the Admiral to go to the Mauritius, which under
these Circumstances was ^{no} ~~so~~ small Benifit ^{to him}. Having got proper
Leave from the french Government, I wrote to Lord Macartney
& the select Comitty of Madras informing them of what
had passed here, & requesting in the Name of the Prisoners
to thin k of a Remedy.

Wednesday, July 3. The English Gentleman Prisoners wished to leave with
me such of their saved Baggage, as they are not in immediate
want of. That they might be the more sure of their Property
I went myself with the Officer that had Orders to receive
them & bring them in to my house. I took my Son with me
to let him see the Mifery to which we are exposed in
this Life. But, when the Officer went away, the guard
kept me & the Child till late at Night, when the french
Officer brought the Commandant of the Party of Hydys
Troops to give Orders for our Reliese.