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Chittiput, Gingy. Within the Valley of Vellore there is a great deal of cultivation, & a sufficient Number of Inhabitants. But as soon as I came on this side the Manambady Pass, I saw nothing but a desolate Country, & the Remains of the Mud Walls of the Houses of once populous Villages overgrown with Grass. As I have formerly been in these Villages, I was much affected at their total Desolation.

Sept: 23. Within the Fort of Arny I saw a number of People, but the Suburbs & their Inhabitants are no more. Hyder has done so much to the Fortifications of Arny, that he must have spent Lacks of Pagodas upon them. The Fort of Chittiput was abandoned by the Enemy & blown up towards the end of the War, but the Suburbs or Chetty surrounded by a Mud-Wall is almost as full of Inhabitants as formerly.

Sept: 24. The remarkable Hill Fort of Gingy where I arrived this Afternoon being garrisoned by Nabob's Seapoys, I had the pleasure of seeing it this time, which formerly was denied me & every other Passenger by the Nabob's people by order of their Master. — I wrote a Description of this remarkable Fort, which is a fluster of seven Rocks to which you ascend from the Fort below by three different Roads. But as I wrote it immediately after coming down, when it began already to grow dark, I can now not well read it ^{without Loss of time}. After this I had a long conversation with some of the principal people of this once populous, but now much ruined Town. It began with their Story of the Folly & Levity of the Keepers of this unconquerable Strong Hold, by which it was lost in the very beginning of Hyder's Invasion.

Sept: 25. The Road from here to Wickaravandy by Wendaing, Isalam, Tatschenore is so overgrown with Brush-Wood since the

beginning of 81 when this country was laid waste, that it made our journey very tedious. The above-mentioned Villages are known only by the Remains of some Mud-Walls.

Sept: 26th. In the Road from Wickaravandy to Cuddalore I saw in humulam & Tukanambakam a few Houses re^{ly} built by some people, who in the last calamity have saved their Lives in Pondicherry & Cuddalore. In humulam I saw the people very busy in extracting Indigo. Having taken Notice of the Process, I talk'd to them all, & as some of them could read, I gave them a Book. Late in the Evening I arrived at Cuddalore.

Sept: 27th. The most melancholy thing in Cuddalore is, that the people are full of Complaints against Government, & despair of the Wellfare of the Place. Some of their Complaints may be just, but some are evidently founded in Malabar perverse Self-will, & both have an equally bad Effect in checking Activity.

Sept: 28th. Having heard nothing farther from Mons: De Cou^{te}tenceau to my Request of March 21, than what was mention'd in April 1, I wrote another Letter to the present Governor of Pondicherry, Le Vicomte de Souillac, & as he is also to embark for Europe in a few Days, I begg'd to recommend at least my Case to his Successor Mons: De Faigny. But I have received no Answer either from the one or the other.

Oct: 3. 1785. During my Stay here, I have daily catechised the Malabar Christians. Yesterday I preached in the Hall of the Mission House both in English & Malabar, & administer'd the Sacrament to eleven Malabars & five Europeans. Baptized 3 Children 3 English & three Malabar & one grown Girl, an orphan which