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INTERESTING PARTICULARS
of the death of
TIPPOO SULTAUN.
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Extract of a letter from Camp at Seringapatam.

“ I send you the following particulars relative to the conduct of the late Tippoo Sultaun on the 4th of May, collected chiefly from the Killadar of Seringapatam and from accounts given by some of his own servants.

“ The Sultaun went out early in the morning, as was his custom daily, to one of the Cavaliers of the outer Rampart of the North Face, whence he could observe what was doing on both sides; he remained there till about noon, when he took his usual repast under a Pandal. It would appear that he had at that time no suspicion of the assault being so near, for when it was reported to him that our Parallels and approaches were unusually crowded with Europeans, he did not express the least apprehension, nor take any other precaution but desiring the messenger to return to the West Face with orders to Meer Caffer

gain them and taken in re-verse those who, with the Sultaun, were defending the Traverses of the outer ramparts.

" While any of his troops remained with him, the Sultaun continued to dispute the ground until he approached the passage across the ditch to the gate of the inner Fort, here he complained of pain and weakness in one of his legs, in which he had received a bad wound when very young, and ordering his horse to be brought, he mounted, but seeing the Europeans still advancing on both the ramparts, he made for the gate, followed by his palanquin and a number of Officers, Troops and Servants: It was then, probably, his intention either to have entered and shut the gate, in order to attack the small body of our Troops which had got into the inner Fort, and if successful in driving them out, to have attempted to maintain it against us, or to endeavour to make his way to the Palace and there make his last stand;—but, as he was crossing to the gate, by the communication from the outer rampart, he received a musket ball in the right side, nearly as high as the breast; he, however, still pressed on, till he was stopped, about half way through the arch of the gateway, by the fire of 12th Light Infantry, from within, when he received a second

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however, still pressed on, till he was stopped, about half way through the arch of the gateway, by the fire of 12th Light Infantry, from within, when he received a second ball close to the other;—the horse he rode on being also wounded sunk under him, and his Turban fell to the ground; many of his people fell at the same time, on every side, by musketry both from within and without the gate.

“The fallen Sultaun was immediately raised by some of his adherents and placed upon his palanquin, under the arch and on one side the gateway, where he lay or sat for some minutes, faint and exhausted, till some Europeans entered the gateway. A servant who has survived, relates that one of the soldiers seized the Sultaun's sword-belt (which was very rich) and attempted to pull it off; that the Sultaun, who still held his sword in his hand, made a cut at the soldier with all his remaining strength and wounded him about the knee, on which he put his piece to his shoulder and shot the Sultaun through the temple, when he instantly expired.

“Not less than 300 men were killed and numbers wounded under the arch of this gateway, which soon became impassible, excepting over the bodies of the dead and dying.

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