

*Sunday, January 2.*¹—I told the Governor this morning, that the Company's merchants wished to pay him their New Year's visit. As they asked M. Delarche, yesterday, or the day before, to be present when they visited the Governor, he was there before them. The Company's merchants then visited the Governor with their nazars. He received them and ordered sandal, rosewater and *pân supârî* to be distributed. Having received these, the merchants spoke (by M. Delarche's interpretation) as follows:—'You have announced that you intend to convert the Villiyanallûr temple into a fort and raise batteries. But if this is done, no one will remain there, so be pleased to do otherwise. You formerly said that you would build a small fort there; be pleased to do that, and order money to be advanced for the expenses.'² The Governor replied, 'If the temple is converted into a fort, it will be all the more secure. You may use the inner court, and the soldiers and sepoys will only use the outer one.' When they repeated their request, the Governor replied that, if they liked, they might build a small fort round the outer court themselves. They declared that they could not do that. 'Very well,' he replied, 'then I will build the fort, but you must raise the temple walls and the

¹ 22nd Mārgali, Prajōtpatti.² i.e., of the temple.

two walls at the entrance.' The merchants agreed. The Governor then turned to me and said, 'What do you say to that, Rangappa?' I said that the proposal was right. The Governor was somewhat dissatisfied at their visit having been arranged by a European, instead of by the usual person, and because the nazars were not of the customary amount. [

*Thursday, January 6.*¹—When I went this morning to pay my respects to the Governor, Madanānda Pandit was reading a letter from the Trichinopoly camp to Madame, who in turn explained it to the Governor. I waited in the hall outside. Afterwards the Governor came out to the central hall to meet the Bishop and Madame went to her room. Madanānda Pandit came out. The Governor then called Madame and asked her to speak to the Bishop; and came up to me. Madanānda Pandit was there. The Governor said that a letter had come from Chandā Sāhib, saying that the dalavāi of Mysore was dead, but that the matter had been kept secret for 20 or 25 days, that Kāntayarājā, the former commander, had been appointed, that this news also had been kept secret for 15 days, but had been announced at last; that Nandi Rājā, the

¹ 26th Mārgali, Prajōtpatti.