commandant, the amaldār Chiranjīvi Chidambaramānātha Pillai and others with dancing people and conducted to the lodging provided for us under a salute of 21 guns. Chidambaranātha Pillai gave a naz pall 500 pagodas. After the mid-day feast another salute of 21 guns was fired. I went to my lodging where I feasted and took my ease. This night we witnessed the fireworks and slept there.

Wednesday, April 14.—As I have been suffering from dysentery since yesterday, I did not go out but told Appāvu to go. He visited the Governor, and paid him his respects. When he returned to me, he told me that the Governor had repeated what he had said yesterday, that paddy and coolies must be procured at once, as he was making ready for war, and ordered that the carpenters, blacksmiths, masons, etc., in the town must work for the Company and for no one else. He also told me that the Governor was hastening the construction of a battery outside the north gate.

I hear M. Bussy has written saying that festivities should be held to celebrate the birth of a son to Salabat Jang. A letter about this has also been received from Salabat Jang.

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Sunday, April 18.—To-day being the 10th of Chittirai, during Chaturthi which lasted until ten at night, the constellation being Kēttai 51°, Variyanāmayōga 15°, Bālavākaraṇa 12°, Dhivy after 95°, between half-past seven and eight in the evening in the Vrischikalagna, Mahārāja Rājasri Mangathāyē Aṃmāl, the equal of Lakshmi, reached Lakshmi's fragrant feet. The position of the planets was as follows:—the Moon in the third quarter of Aswini; Mars in the fourth quarter of Punarvasu; Mercury in the first quarter of Rēvati; Jupiter in the first quarter of Chittirai; Venus in the fourth quarter of Rōhini; Saturn in the second quarter of Tīrūvēnām; Rāhu in the third quarter of Pūram, and Kētu in the first quarter of Pūrattādī.

Monday, April 19.—This being the day for burning the corpse, Panchami was 33°, constellation Mūlam 47°, Parīghanāmayōga 7°, Kaulavākaraṇa 6°, and Tyājyam began at eleven o'clock to-night. At half-past eight this morning, the dead-body was carried, in a befitting palanquin, accompanied by the naubat and music, guns, crackers with their stands, horns, and torches. The townspeople followed the corpse, and cloths were spread before it

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1 10th Chittirai, Dhāṭhu.
2 See Dīwan Bahādur Swāmīkanu Pillai's Indian Chronology, p. 47.
3 The Diarist's wife.
4 11th Chittirai, Dhāṭhu.
on the ground; turmeric, saffron and other fragrant powders and flowers were sprinkled, and frankincense and other perfumes were burnt. Thus the way was made sweet. When the corpse passed the west gate, Mahârâja Râjasrî the Governor M. Leyrit Avaragâl who had learnt the news of the death, ordered the drums to be beaten, the guard to turn out and other marks of honour to be shown. About ten o'clock the corpse reached the great garden acquired by Mahârâja Râjasrî Periya Pillai1 Avaragâl, and placed on a sandalwood pyre amid the tulsi1 plants south of the foot-path. The pyre was kindled to the sound of musical instruments, at about eleven o'clock. Mahârâja Râjasrî Annâswâmi carried Dharhâ2 in his hand, and Mahârâja Râjasrî Appâvû performed every ceremony without omission. All said that the crowd was as large as at the Conjeeveram Garuda3 festival in the month of Vaigâsî,4 and that the departed was spoken of as a jewel of chastity, whose good fortune and virtue had obtained glory from the Himâlayas to Râmèsvaram. Thus gloriously she reached the lotus feet of Nârâyana in His heavenly abode.

1 The Diarist's father.
2 A sacrificial grass used in Hindu worship.
3 Garuda is the kite sacred to Vishnu.
4 Vaigâsî is the month running from mid-May to mid-June.
elephant with a silver howdah, accompanied by the naubat and other musical instruments, standards, and other marks of honour, and conduct him to his house. The Nayinár, having taken leave, came out. Then Anáswámi riding on an elephant with a silver howdah, and accompanied by music, visited the house of M. Barthélemy the Second, where he received presents, and then returned home and attended the nautch. When all had given nazars to Anáswámi, they were given pán supârî and allowed to depart.

Friday, April 23.1—At half-past seven this morning, I went to the Fort. As it was the feast of St. George, M. Leyrit the Governor's name-day, the Company's merchants and the mint-people had been told last night to bring nazars. So all came and I took them upstairs. All the soldiers in the Fort were drawn up; and M. Leyrit, the Governor, the Second M. Barthélemy, and the other councillors, M. d'Auteuil the Major-General and the other officers, Madame Barthélemy and other ladies, set out to attend Mass at the Fort church. Salutes were fired thrice—at the beginning, middle and end of the Mass—21 guns being fired by the Fort and a like number by the ships according to custom. When three salutes had been fired, and the Governor left the Church, all the officers saluted him as usual. Afterwards, the Governor went upstairs with the councillors, officers, and ladies, etc., already mentioned. When again all paid their respects to him, I, the Company's merchants and others paid our respects to him with bouquets of jasmine. He returned his compliments. I made Appâvu present him with a nazar of 500 Porto Novo pagodas for the country management. The Company's merchants asked me for some and I gave them 500 Porto Novo pagodas, which they offered as their nazar. The mint-people as usual brought a chain weighing 21 pagodas which they were to exchange for 2,000 rupees. Báláji Pandit, the Turaiyûr vakîl gave a nazar of 21 pagodas. Then they sat down to table. Three salutes of 21 guns each were fired when healths were drunk, the ships firing like salutes. Then all were dismissed. I also took leave, when I had sent the merchants and mint-people home.

After I had come away, Chandâ Sâhib's son Razâ Sâhib was presented to the Governor by M. Delarche, bringing a richly embroidered dress of honour, when a salute of 21 guns was fired. I hear that, when he had gone, Zuhûr Khân's son presented a dress of honour, and that afterwards all departed.

1 15th Chittirai, Dháku.