

John Robinson

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Mr Robinson has the Honour to transmit  
to His Majesty, the Letter received by the  
Court of Directors from the president and Council  
of Bombay, of so late a Date as the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
June, relative to the State of the Mahratta  
Government. He also adds an Extract of the  
Advices from Bombay, as it contains some  
other Articles of Intelligence, of which the two  
last seem very material, since they shew, how  
much the Company's Messenger, who carried  
the orders for attacking Pondicherry, was  
before



before the French Messenger, and that there is  
reason to expect he will beat Madras in the month of July,  
and to suppose, that the Attack would be in August,  
since by the last Advices by Sea in the Month  
of March, Mr. Kumbold writes, that he would  
be drawing the Army towards Pondicherry, and  
would be forming them near there, to be ready  
in all Events —

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