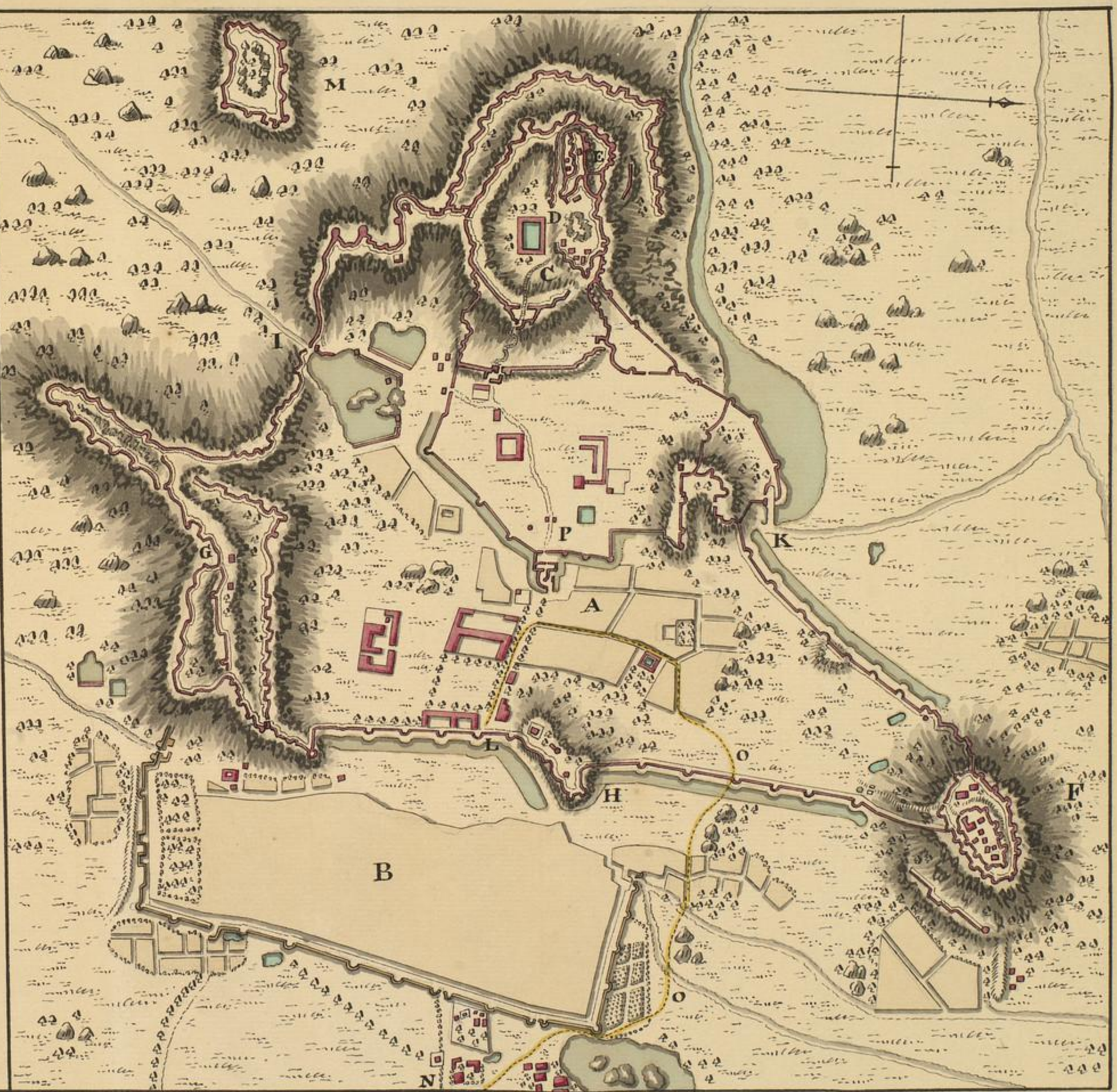


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A. The Town of Gingy, situated between three mountains, B. The Jettah, or suburbs, C. The Grand Mountain, on the top of which is a level called the plain of Gingy, D. out of which plain on the N.W. arises a rock almost perpendicular, and on this rock is a small but impregnable fort, which commands all the adjacent hills, is impossible to be bombarded E. and cannot be battered. F The English Mountain, a very strong post, G Mountain St. George, H Royal Battery, I Devils Gate, K Gingy gate, L Pondicherry or Jettah gate, M Mountain of Apes. Immediately after the taking of Pondicherry, Capt: Stephen Smith who commanded the Sepoys, was sent with a strong body of them only the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> to invest Gingy, He soon obliged the French to retire within the Town, & chiefly to the Fort on the three mountains, He remained some days on the outside of the Jettah at N. & then during a dark night escaladed the wall of the Town, marching in the yellow Line O till he got open the Gate L, there were some Sepoys within the Town, who after some small opposition retired within the fortification P, and in a few days to the Grand Mountain. Capt: Smith covered his Sepoys as well as he could among the buildings in the Town, but by day they were exposed to the three mountains - during the Night of the 10<sup>th</sup> March Capt: Smith made an attempt on the Mountain St. George, & his Sepoys having thro' too much security in the French got by Ladders over one wall, & upon another, they began to fire on the Defendants, at 4 in the morning, & the French, terrified at such an unexpected visit, surrendered at day light, consisting of 2 or 3 Officers, & 30 or 40 men. From this to the 4<sup>th</sup> Apr<sup>l</sup> he closely blockaded the other mountains, which then surrendered prisoners of war by capitulation, with the Honours. The French possessed themselves of Gingy the latter end of 1750, & had kept it to this time, as indeed they might have done forever, had they laid in provisions. It is a very unhealthy place, but impregnable.



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Gingy, the once famous Capital of a Kingdom so call'd, but of late years under the immediate Government of the Nabobs of Arcott. NB The exterior part of the Wall is round 7 miles round -

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