Fourth Anglo-Mysore War (1799)

• Between 1792-1799 Tipu Sultan tried to recoup the losses.

• He got his sons released by paying the rest of the indemnity.

• In 1796, he declared himself Sultan when the Wodeyar died and refused to place Wodeyar’s minor son on the throne.

• Lord Wellesley concerned about Tipu’s growing friendship with the French, forced him to sign the Subsidiary Alliance.

• Tipu was accused of plotting against the English and sending emissaries to Arabia, Afghanistan, Kabul, and Zaman Shah, as also to Isle of France (Mauritius) and Versailles.

• Tipu was squarely defeated in a month twice, first by English General Stuart and then by General Harris.

• The English had the support of the Marathas and the Nizam.

• The Marathas were promised half of the territory of Mysore and the Nizam had to support as they already had signed the Subsidiary Alliance.

• Tipu fought bravely and laid down his life in the war.

• All his treasures were confiscated by the English.

• The English then placed the minor Wodeyar successor as the Maharaja of Mysore.

• The Wodeyars were made to sign the subsidiary alliance.
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