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DOWNING STREET, June 13, 1807.

The following intelligence has been received by Viscount Castlereagh, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Major General Alexander M'Kenzie Fraser, commanding His Majesty's land forces in Egypt, transmitted in a letter from the Right Honourable General Fox, to the Right Honourable William Windham.

Extract of the Copy of a Letter from Major-General A. M. Fraser, to the Right Honourable William Windham, dated Alexandria, April 6, 1807, transmitted to him by General Fox, the Original not having been received.

SIR,

My letter of the 27th ultimo has already informed you, that, in consequence of the strong representation of Major Missett, His Majesty's Resident here, (a copy of which I then transmitted), stating the risk the inhabitants of Alexandria run of being starved, unless Rosetta and Rahmanie were taken possession of by His Majesty's troops, I had, with the concurrence of Rear-Admiral Sir John Duckworth, detached the 31st regiment and Chasseurs Britanniques, under Major-General Wauchope and Brigadier-General Meade, for that purpose.

I am now under the disagreeable necessity of acquainting you that, contrary to all expectation, this measure did not succeed. Our troops took possession of the heights of Abourmandour (which command the town) without any loss; but, from circumstances as yet unexplained, the General, instead of keeping his post there, unfortunately was tempted to go into the town with his whole force, without any previous examination of it, when the troops were so severely handled from the windows and tops of the houses, without ever seeing their enemy, that it was thought expedient to retire, more especially as Major-General Wauchope was unfortunately

killed, and the second in command, Brigadier-General Meade, severely wounded.

The troops, I understand, although certainly placed in a most trying and perilous situation, behaved extremely well; and after having suffered, I am sorry to say, very materially in killed and wounded, (as you will see by the annexed returns,) retired to Aboukir, in good order, without molestation, from whence I directed them to return to Alexandria.

This has certainly been a very heavy and unexpected stroke upon us, more especially as every information led me to conclude, that the opposition, if any, would be trifling; and every precaution was recommended that prudence could suggest.

Finding, however, by the renewed representation of Major Missett, corroborated by the personal application of the Sorbagi, or chief magistrate, in the name of the people at large, that a famine would be the certain and immediate consequence of our remaining at Alexandria, without the occupation of Rosetta, I have, with the concurrence, advice, and co-operation of Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Louis, (who commands the squadron here since the departure of Sir John Duckworth), detached another corps, under the command of the Honourable Brigadier General Stewart and Colonel Oswald, (as per margin\*) to effect this purpose, without which it appears impossible that the measure proposed by His Majesty's Ministers, of keeping possession of Alexandria, can be accomplished.

Extract of a Dispatch from Major-General Fraser to General the Right Honourable H. E. Fox, dated on

\* Detachment of Royal Artillery, detachment of 20th Light Dragoons; detachment of seamen, light infantry battalion, 1st battalion of 35th regiment, 2d battalion of 78th regiment, regiment de Roll, amounting, in the whole, to about 2500 men.

board His Majesty's Ship Canopus, Aboukir Bay, April 24, 1807.

I have the mortification to acquaint you, that the second attempt that I thought necessary to make against Rosetta has failed, owing to a great reinforcement of the enemy being sent down the Nile from Cairo, which overpowered our troops, and obliged them to fall back with the loss, (I am grieved to say), of nearly one thousand men—killed, wounded, and missing. Among the latter are Lieutenant-Colonel M'Leod, Major Vogelsang, and Major Mohr. Brigadier-General Stewart, who commanded the troops on this service, is only now upon his march towards Alexandria, with the remainder of his force, and has not yet sent me the details; but as the Admiral thinks it necessary to dispatch the Wizard Brig immediately from this bay to Messina, I think it necessary to give you all the information I am at present in possession of, and shall send you the particulars of this unfortunate affair by His Majesty's ship Thunderer, which will leave Alexandria very soon; and as I have not time to acquaint His Majesty's Ministers of this event by this opportunity, I must request you to have the goodness to do it as soon as possible.

Return of Killed and Wounded of the Army in the Action of the 31st March 1807, at Rosetta.

*Killed.*—Staff—1 Major-General, Royal Artillery—2 rank and file. 31st reg.—1 Captain, 3 sergeants, 3 drummers, 69 rank and file. Chasseurs Britanniques—1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 3 sergeants, 2 drummers, 99 rank and file. Total—1 Major-General, 2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 6 sergeants, 5 drummers, 170 rank and file.

*Wounded.*—Staff—1 Brigadier-General, 1 Brigade-Major, Royal Artillery—10 rank and file. 31st reg.—1 Captain, 6 Subalterns, 7 sergeants, 1 drummer, 129 rank and file. Chasseurs Britanniques—4 Captains, 5 Subalterns, 1 Adjutant, 4 sergeants, 11 rank and file. Staff Corps—1 rank and file. Total—1 Brigadier-General, 1 Brigade-Major, 5 Captains, 10 Lieute-

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