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(*Dispatches from Rear-Admiral Murray, continued from our last.*)

The transports having the troops and artillery on board, being in three divisions, I directed Captain Thompson in the *Fly*, who had made himself acquainted with the river, and particularly the place intended for landing, which was near Barragon, to lead the first division, having with him the *Dolores* schooner and four gun-boats; Captain Palmer in the *Pheasant*, to lead the second division, with the *Haughty* and two gun-boats; and Captain Prevost in the *Saracen* to bring up the rear of the third division; Captain's Bayntum and Corbet to superintend the landing of the troops.

At day-light on the 28th, the wind being favourable, I made the signal to the *Fly* to weigh a general signal to weigh, and immediately after a general signal to weigh, having ordered the *Rolla* to be placed on the west end of the bank, as a guide to the ships to join. I shifted my flag to the *Flying Fish*, and General Whitelocke went in with me. As soon as the first division of the transports anchored, I made the signal to get into the boats, and immediately afterwards to put off.

Soon after nine A. M. the first boats, with Brigadier-General Craufurd's division, landed about a mile to westward of the fort, from which the enemy had some time before withdrawn their guns. A creek being found soon after the first boats landed, the whole were got on shore without opposition, or any accident, except that several of the transports were aground, but got off without damage.

The conduct of the officers and men on this occasion induced me to give out the accompanying general order. Two hundred seamen, under the orders of Captains Rowley and Joyce,

were thought sufficient to land for the present; and I feel much indebted to those officers who had made themselves acquainted with the river, and piloted the squadron and transports.

Lieutenant Bartholomew, of the *Diadem*, who was strongly recommended by Admiral Stirling, for his knowledge of the river, embarked with me; and I feel it my duty to state to their Lordships, that he was of infinite service; as were Lieutenant Talbot, of the *Encounter*, Lieutenant Acott, of the *Rolla*, and Lieutenant Herrick, of the *Raisonné*, who undertook the pilotage.

On the evening of the 28th, the *Paz* and *Staunch* joined; the *Staunch* had taken a sloop, and destroyed two others of a convoy going to the south shore for troops. I have directed Captain Thompson, in the *Fly*, towards Buenos Ayres, with the *Staunch*, *Paz*, and *Dolores*, to endeavour to keep up a communication with the army.

I have the honour to be, &c.
GEO. MURRAY.

Extract of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Murray, dated Neireide, off Buenos Ayres, July 8, 1807.

SIR,

By my letter of the 30th ult. their Lordships will be informed, that the army under the command of Lieutenant-General Whitelocke, was landed without opposition or accident on the 18th near Barragon, about twenty miles to the eastward of Buenos Ayres.

On the 30th, the *Nereide*, small craft, and transports weighed; and anchored again to the westward of *Quelmes*; the next morning I went in shore in the *Flying Fish* to endeavour to communicate with the army, having directed some transports with provisions to go close in, in case the army should want supplies.

Captain Corbet, in his boat, discovered some

of our troops, and sent Lieutenant Blight, of the *Nereide*; on shore: he with difficulty got to them, being obliged to pass through a deep bog: on the 2d Lieutenant Blight returned, and informed me he had seen General Whitelocke the evening before; that the army had suffered most severely on their march, having very deep marshes to pass, and having been obliged to leave their provisions behind him; were much in want of bread and spirits, which were immediately landed from the *Encounter* and transports. As I understood that General Gower had advanced towards Buenos Ayres, I directed Captain Thompson in the *Fly*, with the gun brigs, to get as near as he could: the same day I received a letter from Colonel Bourke, Quarter-Master-General, to say he was directed by General Whitelocke, to inform me that he had marched on, and meant to go to the westward of Buenos Ayres, requesting I would send the ships having heavy artillery there, and likewise provisions. I immediately sent the gun boats to join the *Fly* and gun-brigs, and directed Captain Thompson to get as close in to the westward as he could. The transports with the guns, and those with provisions, as well as an hospital ship, I likewise sent there, and am happy to say they were all in shore on the 4th, ready to meet the army.

On the 5th a firing was observed in the town; I desired Captain Thompson to make use of the gun-brigs and boats, when he could, without annoying our own people, who appeared to be both to the eastward and westward of the town. A communication was opened with the army in the morning; they had stormed and taken possession of four guns, near the citadel; bread, spirits, and ammunition were supplied from the ships.

On the 6th I directed the *Encounter* to endeavour to communicate with the army on the

Price Sixpence.

