



# Edinburgh Gazette.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

FROM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1810.

DOWNING STREET—OCTOBER 6, 1810.

A dispatch, of which the following is a copy, was received, on the 4th instant, at the Earl of Liverpool's office, addressed to his Lordship by Lieutenant-General Viscount Wellington, K. B. dated Gouvea, 5th September 1810.

MY LORD, *Gouvea, September 5, 1810.*

I inclose a letter from Colonel Cox, late governor of Almeida, to Marshal Beresford, containing a copy of the capitulation of Almeida, and an account of the circumstances which occasioned the early surrender of that place.

It was impossible to expect that Colonel Cox should continue the defence of the place after the unfortunate occurrence which he mentions; and I am happy to add, that all the accounts which I have received from officers and soldiers of the militia, who have come into the interior under the capitulation, concur in applauding the conduct of the governor throughout the siege, and in the unfortunate situation in which he was placed towards its close. It is certain that till the explosion of the magazine of the place, the garrison had sustained but little loss, and were in the highest spirits, and, encouraged by the example of the governor, and the confidence they had in him, were determined to hold out till the last moment.

I have the honour to inclose the copy of a letter, which I received from Marshal Beresford, in which he inclosed the letter from Colonel Cox; to which I have to add, that the two officers mentioned in that letter, the Tenente del Rey, and the major of the artillery, have entered the service of France, and that the latter has been promoted to the rank of colonel.—I am also informed that when sent out by the governor into the enemy's lines to negotiate the capitulation; and after he had informed the

enemy of the unfortunate situation of the garrison, he did not return to the place when hostilities recommenced; but continued in the enemy's lines.

I have the honour to be &c.  
(Signed) WELLINGTON.

Extract of a letter from Marshal Beresford to Viscount Wellington, dated Moimenta da Serra, 4th September 1810.

I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a letter I have received from Colonel Cox, late governor of Almeida, and a copy of the capitulation of that place.

With whatever regret it was we witnessed the unexpected fall of that place, uninformed as we then were of the cause, I think the circumstance related in the governor's letter of the unfortunate loss of his entire ammunition, and the injury sustained by the town and works, and loss to the garrison by the effects of the explosion, will prove sufficiently the impracticability of a protracted defence; and I regret to say the conduct of the Lieutenant Governor (Tenente Rey) Francisco Bernardo da Costa e Almeida, and of Major, commanding the artillery, Fortunato Joye Bareros, increased the difficulties occasioned by the explosion. The former had until the commencement of the enemy's fire acted with much zeal and propriety, but on that commencing shut himself up in bomb-proofs; and after the explosion, from personal fear and to avoid any further firing, took advantage of the consternation and confusion which must be ever attendant in such a case to counteract the governor's attempt to hold out at least some short time longer. The major of artillery, it appears, had acted well during the siege, but after the explosion appears to have added treachery to cowardice, and, to gain favour with the enemy, communicated to him the real state of

the garrison, and that it had no ammunition whatever left, which caused Marshal Messena to refuse the terms demanded by the governor.

Until the unfortunate accident of the explosion of the magazine, the garrison appears to have been in the highest spirits, and in the best possible disposition and resolution to defend the town, and which they unanimously state their governor's conduct inspired them with, as every officer and man gives the highest applause to his unremitting zeal and activity, encouraging all by his own example.

Your Lordship will see that it was of very little consequence what capitulation the garrison had got, as it is obvious the enemy would not have observed it, where it was his interest to break it, and which will be witnessed by his having detained by force, and contrary to the terms of the capitulation, seven officers and two hundred men from each of the three regiments of militia that were in the garrison, and this with the object of forming them into a pioneer corps.

The officers and soldiers of the militia regiments, to a man, continued to refuse to enter voluntarily into the service of the enemy, and the seven officers and two hundred men of each regiment were detained forcibly. Such are the circumstances which have come to my knowledge of the conduct of the garrison of Almeida, and which I think it necessary to communicate to your Lordship.

SIR, *Aldea del Obispo, Aug. 30, 1810.*

The painful task has fallen to my lot of acquainting your Excellency, that I was reduced to the necessity of surrendering the fortress of Almeida, which I had the honour to command, on the 27th instant, at ten o'clock at night, in consequence of the unfortunate explosion of the

Price Sixpence Halfpenny.



2666

great magazine of powder in the castle, and the small magazines contiguous to it, by which dreadful accident I was deprived of the whole of my artillery and musket ammunition, with the exception of a few made up cartridges which remained in some of the expence magazines on the ramparts, and thirty-nine barrels of powder which were deposited in the laboratory.

Upwards of half of the detachment of artillery, and a great number of infantry soldiers, besides several of the inhabitants, were destroyed by the effect of this terrible explosion. Many of the guns were dismantled upon the ramparts, the works were materially injured, and a general dismay spread amongst the troops and inhabitants of the place.

In this distressing situation I received a letter from the commander in chief of the French army of Portugal, proposing to me that I should surrender the place to the French army under his command upon honourable terms, which he said he was ready to grant. I answered, that I wished to know the terms which he proposed; upon which the articles, of which I have the honour to send your Excellency a copy, were transmitted to me, and which, after using every effort in my power to obtain more favourable terms, I accepted, with an exception in favour of the militia regiments. I hope my conduct on this trying occasion will meet your Excellency's approbation, and that I shall remain justified by the circumstances in the eyes of my country.

The Prince of Essling has been good enough to allow me to return to England on my parole, accompanied by Major Hewitt and Captain Foley, of the 24th regiment, and we are now on our way to France, to embark from thence for a British port.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. COX.

(Translation.)

**CAPITULATION** for the Surrender of the Fortress of Almeida.

Art. 1. The garrison shall be prisoners of war, with the honours of war, that is to say, they shall march out with their arms, which they shall deposit on the glacis of the place.

Answer—Accepted; except that the militia, being only few, shall return to their homes after having deposited their arms; they are not to serve during the present war against France or her allies.

Art. 2. The officers of every description, and the soldiers, shall retain the former their swords and baggage, the latter their baggage only.

Art. 3. The inhabitants shall retain their property, and shall not be disturbed for their opinions.

Art. 4. The military stores and artillery shall remain at the disposal of the French army, and shall be given up to the commander of artillery.

Art. 5. The magazines, chests, &c. shall be given up to French commissaries appointed for that effect.

Art. 6. The plans and memorials of the fortress shall be given up to the commandant of engineers of the French army.

Art. 7. The sick of the English and of the Portuguese army shall be taken care of and maintained at the expence of the French army, and on their recovery shall follow the destination of the garrison.

(Signed) MASSENA, Prince of Essling, &c.  
W. COX, Governor of Almeida.

Camp before Almeida, Aug. 27.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Ayr.

William Niven, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant; dated September 20, 1810.

#### BANKRUPTS.

(From the London Gazette.)

John Hutchinson Browne, late of Fish Street Hill, London, and now of Camberwell, Surrey, merchant.

Joseph Sykes, of Queen Street, Cheapside, London, sugar-factor.

William Hutchinson, of Smith's Buildings, Leadenhall Street, London, wine-merchant.

Matthew Smith, of Charlton, Kent, rope-maker.

Charles Schaar, of Prince's Street, Cavendish Square, Middlesex, tailor.

Thomas Crickmore, of Skinner Street, London, pewterer.

Walter Norburn, of High Holborn, Middlesex, linen-draper.

Thomas Martin, of Overton, Flint, dealer and chapman.

Daniel Savage, of Coaley, Gloucester, pig-dealer.

Thomas Garner, of Dudley, Worcester, grocer.

William Pearce, of Liverpool, Lancaster, liquor-merchant.

John Senior, of Alverthorpe, Wakefield, York, clothier.

Robert Johnson, of Liverpool, Lancaster, merchant.

John Raywood, of Manchester, Lancaster, grocer.

Mary Glover and Elizabeth Glover, late of Kidderminster, Worcester, milliner.

George Coxen, of Church Street, Christ Church, Surrey, mill-wright.

Bankruptcy superseded.

John Cheetham, of Heaton Norris, Manchester, Lancaster, check-manufacturer.

#### THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN or MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

Computed from the Returns made in the Week ending the 3d day of October 1810,

Is Forty-Nine Shillings

per Hundred Weight,

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon on the Importation thereof into Great Britain.

TO THE CREDITORS OF  
WILLIAM SCOTT, Baker and Corn-Merchant in Dundee.

THOMAS MITCHELL, Merchant in Dundee, having been appointed Trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said William Scott, and his nomination being confirmed by the Court of Session, he hereby intimates, that the Sheriff of Forfarshire has appointed Saturday the 20th October current, and Saturday the 20th November next, for the public examination of the bankrupt, within the Sheriff-court-room of Forfar. The Trustee farther intimates, that a meeting of the Creditors is to be held, within the house of William Gordon, vintner in Dundee, on Monday the 12th November next, at 12 o'clock noon, for instructing the Trustee: and the Creditors are required to lodge, in the Trustee's hands, their grounds of debt, and oaths of verity thereon, at or previous to the said meeting;—certifying them, that unless such productions be made before the 16th day of March 1811, being ten months after the date of the sequestration, the party neglecting shall have no share in the first distribution of the bankrupt's estate.

#### NOTICE

TO THE CREDITORS OF

THOMAS ANDERSON, Surgeon and Underwriter in Leith.

ALEXANDER PITCAIRN, Insurance-Broker in Edinburgh, Trustee on the said Thomas Anderson's sequestrated estate, hereby intimates, that at a meeting of the Creditors, held upon the 2d day of October current, being the day immediately after the bankrupt's second public examination, he made an offer of a composition of 1s. in the pound upon the debts due by him, calculating interest to the date of sequestration, payable, with security, within three months after the date of the composition being approved of by the Court of Session; which the Creditors present having agreed to accept of, the Trustee hereby intimates, that another meeting of the Creditors is to be held, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the 30th day of October current, at two o'clock afternoon, in order finally to decide on the said offer.—Of which notice is hereby given to all concerned.  
Edinburgh, October 6, 1810.

#### NOTICE

TO THE CREDITORS OF

ARCHIBALD and JAMES R. BERTSON and CO. late Merchants in Greenock.

A STATE of the affairs of the said Archibald and James Robertson and Co. is to be seen, in the hands of Alexander Dunlop, Esq. manager for the Renfrewshire Banking Company at Greenock, until the 14th day of November next, when a final dividend will be made.

Greenock, October 10, 1810.

#### FOR BEHOOF OF CREDITORS.

To be Sold, by public roup, within the office of John Broadfoot, merchant in Leith, upon the 19th October next, at 12 o'clock noon,

THE WHOLE OUTSTANDING DEBTS belonging to the sequestrated estate of Alexander Philip, late Merchant in Leith.

For particulars apply to

JOHN BROADFOOT.

Leith, October 11, 1810.