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The Dispatches, of which the following are copies, were received on the 17th instant by the Right Hon. HENRY DUNDAS, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Major-Generals COOTE and BARRARD; no opportunity to transmit them having occurred until the return of Mr JOBERNES, by whom they were forwarded.

SIR,

Ostend, June 23. 1798.

Not having had it in my power to send my dispatches by my Aid-de-camp, Captain Williamson, I take the opportunity by Mr Jobernes, the Staff Surgeon, who was ordered to Ostend by his Royal Highness the Commander in Chief.

I have the honour to be, &c.

EYRE COOTE, Maj. Gen.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas. &c.

On a ridge of sand hills, three miles to the east of Ostend, May 19. 1798.

SIR,

I have the most sincere satisfaction to acquaint you of the complete and brilliant success attending the expedition entrusted by his Majesty to the care of Captain Popham, of the royal navy, and myself. The Squadron reached Ostend about one o'clock this morning.

The able and judicious arrangements of Captain Popham, and great exertions of himself, the officers and seamen under his command, enabled us to disembark the troops at the place from which I have the honour of dating this dispatch; and from Captain Popham's local knowledge, I gained such information, as very much removed the difficulties we had to encounter on shore, and contributed greatly to the success of the enterprise.

General Sir Charles Grey sent you, Sir, an outline of the disposition of the troops, and of the plans, previous to our sailing from Margate; these were carried into execution, with a little alteration, which I was obliged

to make, in consequence of the whole of the troops not having landed.

Soon after we disembarked, I detached Major-General Barrard, with four companies of light infantry of the guards, the 23d and 40th grenadiers, and two six-pounders, to take possession of the different posts and passes that it was necessary to occupy to enable us to carry our plans into execution. In effecting this he met with strong opposition from a considerable body of sharpshooters, who were gallantly repulsed with some loss, and by a rapid march cut off from the town of Ostend.

During the time Lieutenant Brownrigg, of the engineers, who was employed in bringing up the powder and other materials to effect the destruction of the sluices of the Bruges Canal, the troops were posted as follows: The grenadiers of the 11th and 23d regiments, with cannon, &c. at the Lower Ferry, to prevent the enemy from crossing from Ostend. A detachment of Colonel Campbell's company of the guards, under the command of Captain Duff, and the grenadiers of the 40th regiment, under the command of Captain Lord Aylmer, at the Upper Ferry for the same purpose. The remainder of Colonel Campbell's, with three other companies of the guards, under the command of Colonel Calcraft, at the sluices and country around, to cover the operation.

The 11th regiment on the fourth east front, to secure a safe retreat for the troops, if pressed.

The light infantry companies of the 11th and 23d regiments, under Major Donkin, to cover the village of Bredin, and extend to the Blankenburg road near the sea, as well as to co-operate with the 11th regiment.

The greater part of the 23d regiment remained on

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