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DOWNING-STREET, *Sept. 6.*

A dispatch, of which the following is a copy, has been this day received at the Office of the Right Hon. HENRY DUNDAS, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-General Sir JAMES PULTENEY, Bart. dated on board his Majesty's ship *Renown*, at sea, 27th August 1800.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you, that the fleet, on board of which the troops under my command were embarked, arrived before the harbour of Ferrol on the 25th instant.

I determined immediately to make a landing, with a view, if practicable, to attempt the town of Ferrol, being certain, if I found either the strength of the place or the force of the enemy too great to justify an attack, that in the landing there was no considerable risk.

The disembarkation was effected, without opposition, in a small bay near Cape Prior; the reserve, followed by the other troops as they landed, immediately ascended a ridge of hills adjoining to the bay; just as they had gained the summit the rifle corps fell in with a party of the enemy which they drove back. I have to regret that Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, who commanded this corps, was wounded on the occasion. At day break the following morning a considerable body of the enemy was driven back by Major-General the Earl of Cavan's brigade, supported by some other troops, so that we remained in complete possession of the heights which overlook the town and harbour of Ferrol; but from the nature of the ground, which is steep

and rocky, unfortunately this service could not be performed without loss: The 1st battalion of the 52d regiment had the principal share in this action. The enemy lost about 100 men killed and wounded, and 30 or 40 prisoners.

I had now an opportunity of observing minutely the situation of the place, and of forming, from the reports of prisoners, an idea of the strength of the enemy; when, comparing the difficulties which presented themselves, and the risk attendant on failure on one hand, with the prospect of success, and the advantages to be derived from it on the other, I came to the determination of re-embarking the troops, in order to proceed without delay on my further destination. The embarkation was effected the same evening in perfect order, and without loss of any kind.

The spirit and alacrity shewn by the troops merit every commendation; and if circumstances had admitted of their being led against the enemy, I should have had every reason to expect success.

I am under the greatest obligations to the Admiral, Sir John Borlase Warren, and the Officers of the navy, for the judicious arrangements made for the landing and re-embarkation of the troops, and the activity with which they were put in execution. The immediate direction of this service was intrusted to Sir Edward Pellew, who performed it in a manner highly creditable to himself, and advantageous to the service.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JAMES PULTENEY.

(R.)

Return of Killed and Wounded of the troops landed at Playa de Dominos, Aug. 25. 1800, under the command of Lieutenant-General Sir JAMES PULTENEY, Bart, off Ferrol, Aug. 27. 1800.

Royals, 2d bat.—1 rank and file killed; 1 rank and file wounded.

23d regiment—3 rank and file wounded.

27th ditto, 2d bat.—2 rank and file wounded.

54th ditto; 2d ditto.—1 rank and file wounded.

52d ditto, 1st ditto.—9 rank and file killed; 1 Captain, 1 serjeant, 1 drummer, 37 rank and file wounded.

52d ditto, 2d ditto.—2 rank and file killed; 3 rank and file wounded.

63d ditto.—4 rank and file killed; 2 rank and file wounded.

Rifle corps.—1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 2 Captains, 1 subaltern, 8 rank and file wounded.

79th regiment.—2 serjeants, 2 rank and file wounded.

Total.—16 rank and file killed; 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 3 Captains, 1 subaltern, 3 serjeants, 1 drummer, 59 rank file wounded.

Names of Officers Dead of their Wounds and Wounded.

Captain Torrens, of the 1st battalion 52d regiment, dead of his wounds.

Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, of the 67th regiment, Captain Hamilton, of the 27th regiment; Captain Trevers, of the 79th regiment, Lieutenant Edmonstone, of the 2d battalion Royals (attached to the rifle corps) wounded.

J. PULTENEY, Lieutenant-General.

L. Z. VASSALL, Dep. Adj. General.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *Sept. 6.*

Copy of a letter from the Earl of ST VINCENT, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated off Ushant, Sept. 2. 1800.

SIR,

For the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, I inclose a letter this moment received from Rear Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, of his Majesty's ship *Renown*,

[Price 6d.]

