

Satisfaction in their Behaviour. That this ought, above all, to be attributed to the good Orders given by General Conway and the other Officers, who conducted the said Troops; and that their High Mightinesses desire the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary will be pleased to report the same to His Majesty, and to assure Him that they are extremely pleased with the Conduct of the said Troops, and with that which the said General and other Officers have held on this Occasion, and that they shall have nothing more at Heart than to give, for the future, on all Occasions that may offer, Proofs of their true and sincere Sentiments of Esteem for His Majesty, and for His Friendship.

And an Extract of this Resolution of their High Mightinesses shall be sent to the Count of Welden, Envoy Extraordinary of their High Mightinesses at the Court of Great Britain, to serve for his Instruction, and in order that he may also, on proper Occasions, give the same Assurances.

It agrees with the above-mentioned Register.

(Signed) H. F A G E L.

*Hague, April 12.* The Prince of Orange has continued mending daily; and he is now declared by His Physicians to be out of Danger.

The new French Ambassador to the States-General, the Marquis d'Havrincourt, is expected here in the Beginning of June.

*Whitehall, April 16, 1763.*

ON Thursday Night, Lieutenant Colonel Scott arrived with the following Letter to the Earl of Egremont, from Brigadier General Draper, who also arrived himself about the same Time.

*Manila, November 2, 1762.*

My Lord,

I Do myself the Honour of sending Lieutenant Colonel Scott, late Adjutant-General, to inform your Lordship of the Success of His Majesty's Arms in the Conquest of Manila, the Surrender of the Port of Cavite, and the Cession of the Philippine Islands.

On the 6th of October we took the Capital by Storm, after 12 Days Operation, which are detailed in my Journal. Our Loss upon this Occasion would have been trifling, but for the Death of Major More, a valiant good Officer; and it is with particular Satisfaction I can assure your Lordship, that the firm Bravery and Perseverance of the Troops could only be equalled by their Humanity after Victory. Out of Respect and Deference to Admiral Cornish, we waited till he came on Shore, and, being desirous to save so fine a City from Destruction, we jointly dictated the annexed Conditions to the Governor General (the Archbishop), and the chief Magistrates, who most readily embraced them.

Considering their critical Situation, and vast Opulence, the Terms were as reasonable for them as beneficial to us. We allow the India Company a third Part of the Ransom, the Whole of which amounts to a Million Sterling; and, according to my Instructions, I have this Day delivered up Manila, one of the richest Cities and Islands in this Part of the World, with the Port of Cavite, to Dawson Drake, Esq; and the other Gentlemen appointed to receive them on Behalf of the Company, with all the Artillery, Ammunition, and warlike Stores found therein, agreeable to the inclosed Inventories.

I have appointed Major Fell of the 79th Regiment to be Commandant of the Garrison, which must consist of all the Troops brought from Madras, as the great Extent of the Place, it's very numerous Inhabitants, an unsettled Country, with the Importance of the Cavite, demand at least this Force for an effectual Security.

The Season of the Year, and Condition of the Squadron, oblige us to defer the taking Possession of the subordinate Places ceded to the Crown, until the Ships have had a sufficient Repair; and I have the Pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that the large Quantity of Naval Stores taken in the

Royal Magazines at Cavite, supply most excellent Materials for this Purpose, in which the Admiral is indefatigable, whose Zeal for His Majesty's Service, great Cordiality, and constant Attention to us during the whole Course of the Expedition, and fatiguing Progress of the Siege, are beyond all Praise. The other Officers of the Fleet exerted themselves to the utmost upon every Occasion. As a small Acknowledgment of our many Obligations to Mr. Kemperfeldt, the Admiral's Captain, I begged his Acceptance of the Government of the Citadel and Port of Cavite, till it was given up to the Company, his prudent and excellent Regulations, there, were of infinite Utility to the Public Service.

The Captains Collins, Pitchford and George Ourry, who commanded the Battalion of Seamen, behaved with great Spirit and Conduct, and Captain Jocelyn, who was entrusted with the Care of the Disembarkations, gave us all the Assistance that could be wished or expected from a diligent good Officer. The Marine Officers and Corps were of great Service, and the Seamen astonished us with most extraordinary Proofs of Activity and Valour, particularly those who assisted at our Batteries.

The Reduction of Manila has been so much owing to the consummate Skill and Bravery of Colonel Monson, that I fear my faint Representations cannot do Justice to his Merits; and I most humbly beg Leave, through your Lordship, to recommend him to His Majesty, together with the following Officers, viz. Lieutenant Colonel Scott, Major Parker who commanded our Artillery; Captain Fletcher, Major of Brigade; the Engineers Captains Stevenfon and Cotsford, and Ensign Barnard; the Captains Moore and Pemble, Aides de Camp, who have all acted in their several Departments with extraordinary Merit, and greatly facilitated my good Fortune. Both the Royal and the Company's Artillery, with their other Troops, behaved very well. In the last Place, may I presume to point out the Services of the 79th Regiment, which, from the good Conduct of their former and present Field-Officers, has the peculiar Merit of having first stopped the Progress of the French in India, and not a little contributed to the happy Turn and Decision of that War under Colonel Coote, and has since extended the Glory of His Majesty's Arms to the utmost Verge of Asia. Twenty-three Officers, with upwards of 800 Men, have fallen, in the Cause of their Country, since the Regiment left England: Numbers of the Survivors are wounded. Your Lordship's Goodness encourages me to mention them as Objects of Compassion and Protection. Captain Fletcher has nine Colours to lay at His Majesty's Feet.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

William Daper,

*Brigadier General, and Commander in Chief.*

PROPOSALS made to their Excellencies His Britannick Majesty's Commanders in Chief by Sea and Land, by his Excellency the Archbishop, Captain-General of the Philippine Islands, the Royal Audience, the City and Commerce of Manila.

Article I. That their Effects and Possessions shall be secured to them, under the Protection of His Britannick Majesty, with the same Liberty they have heretofore enjoyed.

Article I. *Granted.*

Article II. That the Catholick, Apostolick and Roman Religion, be preserved and maintained in its free Exercise and Functions, by its Pastors and faithful Ministers.

Article II. *Granted.*

Article III. That the Families, which are retired into the Country, may have free Liberty to return unmolested.

Article III. *Granted.*

Article IV. That the same Indemnification and Liberty may extend to Persons of both Sexes, Inhabitants of this City, without any Prejudice or Molestation to their interior Commerce.

Answer. *They may carry on all Sorts of Commerce as British Subjects.*

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