

Captain Elphinstone to land and enter, at the Head of the Troops, the Fort of Malgue, and to take upon him the Charge and Command as Governor; and directed Captain Dickson, on his anchoring, to send a Flag, with peremptory Notice to St. Julien, that such Ships as did not immediately proceed into the Inner Harbour, and put their Powder on Shore, should be treated as Enemies. All but Seven, whose Crews ran off with St. Julien, removed in the Course of the Day.

It is impossible for me to express my Obligation to Don Langara, adequate to my Feelings of it, for the singular Honor of his implicit Confidence in, and good Opinion of me, in the Promptitude his Excellency manifested to comply with the Wishes contained in my Second Letter; as his Excellency was not content with sending Admiral Gravina, but came with his whole Squadron, except Four, which he left to bring a Body of Troops from the Army at Rosellon, and made his Appearance from the Deck of the Victory as the Troops from His Majesty's Squadron under my Command were in the Act of Landing. Admiral Gravina came on board; and, upon my explaining to him the Necessity of as many Spanish Troops being put on Shore immediately as could be spared, he told me he was authorized by his Admiral to pay Attention to any Request I should make, and undertook to prepare 1000 at least, to be landed this Morning, under the Protection of the Four Ships I had ordered to anchor, and were all in the Fort before Twelve o'Clock.

I herewith transmit a Copy of Don Langara's Letter, in Answer to mine of the 25th.

The Corps of Cartau has been at Marseilles, and committed all Manner of Enormities, and is now on it's March to Toulon, expecting to join the Army near at Hand from Italy. The former consists of 10,000 Men; the Number of the latter is not ascertained, but is more

or less, I trust the Whole will make no Impression even upon the Town of Toulon; upon the Fort of Malgue, I am pretty confident, they cannot do it.

Information has just been sent me that Cartau has planned to send away from Marseilles all the Money, as well as Merchandize, in the Town: The former is said to consist of Four Millions of Livres; but I have planned to prevent him, by having sent off Marseilles Two Ships of the Line, with Orders not to suffer any Vessel to sail; and I am now sending Two Frigates, which I could not spare before.

After having taken Possession of Toulon and the Forts, I judged it expedient to issue another Proclamation, which Captain Elphinstone tells me has had a very happy Effect; a Copy of which I also inclose.

The Knowledge of this Event to the King and His Majesty's Ministers appears to me of that Magnitude, that I think it expedient to adopt Two Modes of Conveyance, one by the Way of Barcelona, and the other Genoa.

Lord Hugh Conway has the Charge of one Dispatch, and the Honorable Captain Waldegrave the other, who will be able to inform His Majesty's Ministers, at those Places they may pass, of the Allied Powers.

I have the Honor to be,

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Your most obedient

humble Servant,

(Signed)

HOOD.

Philip Stephens, Esq.

PROCLAMATION,

By the Right Honorable Samuel Lord Hood, Vice-Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Squadron in the Mediterranean, &c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Sections of Toulon have, by their Commissioners to me, made a solemn Declaration in Favor of Monarchy, have proclaimed Louis XVII.