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THE Dispatches, of which the following are Extract and Copies, were received, on Sunday last, at the Office of the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Toulon, September 26, 1793.

ON the Morning of the 18th of this Month the Enemy opened Two masked Batteries, One of Three, the other of Two Guns, at the Head of the Inner Harbour, at la Petite Garenne. An incessant Fire was kept up during the Whole of the Day between the Batteries of the Enemy and a Gun-Boat and French Frigate manned by English Seamen, which had been placed near the Poudrière for the Defence of the Head of the Harbour, and to cover the Fort of Malbousquet towards the Water; that Fort fired occasionally at the Enemy's Batteries with some Effect, although they were covered on that Side by a Grove of Pine Trees. On the 19th the Enemy opened a fresh Battery, to the Left of the others, at Les Gaux, and His Majesty's Ship St. George, with a second Gun-Boat, being brought into the Petite Rade, a Cannonade continued during the whole Day, and towards Evening the Batteries of the Enemy were silenced; but One of the Gun-Boats had suffered so much that she was towed off, and she sunk the next Morning, the Officers and Men having been taken out of her.

It became necessary to collect a Force to occupy La Grasse; I took, therefore, Fifty Men from Fort

De la Mague, the strongest and least exposed of our Posts, and, by leaving but One Relief for the Duties of Toulon, we were enabled to collect 350 Spaniards and 150 British, exclusive of Officers and Non-commissioned Officers, the Spanish under the Command of Colonel Don Rafael Echavuru, and the British Troops under the Command of Captain Brereton of the 30th Regiment. The Detachment embarked from Toulon on the 20th, at Twelve o'Clock at Night, Admiral Gravina and myself, with all the Spanish Colonels of the Garrison, and some French Engineers, attending, to place the Troops in the Post they were to occupy. We proceeded across the Harbour, and landed, at about Two o'Clock in the Morning of the 21st, at Fort Balaguier, and marched immediately forward to reconnoitre the Heights De La Grasse, which consist of a Ridge, divided at the Top by Three distinct Knolls, covered with Wood, with small Dips or Vallies between each, the Whole rising very considerably inland, the Ridge terminating with a rapid Descent at the Western Extremity, which commands a complete View of the whole Extent of the Enemy's Position to the Westward of Toulon.

It was determined to take Possession of the lowest and Easternmost Knoll, which is about Five Hundred Yards from the Landing-Place. Having distributed the Troops into the best Position the Post would admit of, Admiral Gravina returned with me before Noon to Toulon, to order the necessary Supplies for the Troops, and some Guns for the Defence of the Post. Colonel Don Rafael Chavuru remaining with