

12 or 1300 Men, which might have cut us off before your Lordship could have sent a Reinforcement to sustain us from Toulon.

From these Considerations, as soon as Lieutenant Serocold reported to me that he had rendered the different Guns and Mortars unserviceable, having collected our Killed and Wounded, we marched back from our Left about Half past Four in the Morning, and reached this Post about Six o'Clock. Our Loss on this Enterprize of killed and wounded is herewith inclosed in a Return, which, considering the Strength of the Position we attacked, that was defended by Three Hundred of the Enemy's best Troops, is very inconsiderable; but, at the same Time, is much to be lamented, as they were of the Advanced Guard of British, and the best of our Troops. The Loss of the Enemy is far more considerable; for we perceived in different Places between Twenty and Thirty of them killed, but, from Reports since from Deserters, we learn they had upwards of Fifty killed and as many wounded. We took a Captain Lamatalie of the Chasseurs du Burgoyne, a Lieutenant Chevalier of the 4th Regiment of Artillery, and Twenty-three Men, Prisoners, who we brought with us to this Post.

I have the Pleasure to inform your Lordship, that, in the Operation of the March and Attack, all the Foreign Troops employed co operated most cordially.

I have the Honor to be,  
MY LORD,  
Your Lordship's very faithful and  
obedient Servant,

Robert Brereton, Captain,  
Commanding 2d Battalion of British.

Brigadier-General Lord Mulgrave,  
&c. &c. &c.

British Corps. 1 Corporal, 3 Privates, killed;  
1 Corporal, 6 Privates, wounded.

Whitehall, November 9.

THE following Dispatch was this Day received at the Office of the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Toulon, October 10, 1793.

SINCE my last Dispatch of the 3d of October, \* the Enemy had completed Three Batteries opposite to the Hauteur de Grasse, One at La Hauteur des Moulins, and Two to the Southward on the Hauteur de Reinier. Vice-Admiral Lord Hood being apprehensive that the Fleet might suffer some Inconvenience from the Batteries de Reinier; and Information of the Situation of the Enemy, and of the Approaches to the Batteries, having been received from an intelligent Deserter, it was determined to make a Sortie from the Hauteur de Grasse, on the 8th Instant at Night, for the Purpose of destroying the Enemy's Batteries. A Detachment was ordered, composed of the Whole of the British Troops on that Post, amounting to 225 Rank and File, under the Command of Captain Brereton of the 30th Regiment, the Spanish Grenadier Company of the Regiment of Hibernia, 50 Men commanded by Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Nugent, who also commanded the Sortie, a Company of Pied-

\* Lord Mulgrave's Dispatch of the 3d of this Month has not been received.

montese Grenadiers of 50 Men, and 50 Albanese Neapolitan Troops. This Corps marched at Half past Twelve o'Clock at Night, and were joined (at a Point agreed upon) at One o'Clock in the Morning, by the Post of Les Sablettes, of a Captain and 50 British Marines, and a Captain and 50 Piedmontese Chasseurs; the Advanced Guard of 50 British Grenadiers, Light Infantry, and 10 Grenadiers of Hibernia, under the Command of Captain Stewart of the 25th Regiment. Lieutenant Knight of the 11th Regiment, and a Subaltern Officer of Hibernia, (whose Name has not been reported to me) surprized the Enemy's Post, attacked the Fifth Battery with their Bayonets, put the whole Guard to Flight, and pursued the Enemy with great Slaughter into the Second Battery, supported by the whole Detachment, which formed on the Height, and remained till Lieutenant Serocold of the Navy, with a Party of Seamen, had taken Measures to render the Artillery of both Batteries unserviceable, and had destroyed all the Ammunition: The Ground between Grasse and the Hauteur de Reinier was so intersected with Ravines and Walls as to render it impossible to bring off the Mortars or Guns.

I inclose a List of the Pieces of Ordnance which were destroyed, and a Return of the Killed and Wounded of His Majesty's Troops. The whole Loss fell upon the Advanced Guard; the Officers and Soldiers of which distinguished themselves very particularly by their Enterprize, Activity and Spirit. The good Order and Steadiness of the whole Detachment deserves the highest Praise; as well as the judicious Conduct of the March, concerted by Lieutenant-Colonel Nugent of the Regiment of Hibernia, and Captain Brereton of the 30th Regiment, under the Orders of the Spanish Colonel O'Neale, who commands at the Post de Grasse.

Deserters, who came in Yesterday, report, the Enemy calculate their Loss, in Killed, Wounded and Missing, at near 200 Men; and that One of the Mortars had split in their Endeavours to clear it.

I have the Honor to be; &c.

MULGRAVE,  
Acting Brigadier-General.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas,  
&c. &c. &c.

Return of the Killed and Wounded of the British Troops in the Attack of the Enemy's Batteries on the Hauteurs de Reinier, on the Night of the 8th of October, 1793.

25th Regiment. 1 Private killed; 1 Corporal wounded.

30th Regiment. 1 Corporal, 2 Privates, killed; 1 Corporal, 3 Privates, wounded.

69th Regiment. 2 Privates wounded.

(Signed) MULGRAVE, Acting Brig. Gen.

Ordnance destroyed.

3 Brass Twenty-four Pounders; 2 Ditto Sixteen Pounders; 1 Ditto Four Pounder; 2 Ditto Thirteen Inch Mortars.

Ammunition destroyed.

2 Barrels of Gunpowder; 2 Boxes of Cartridges; 30 filled Thirteen Inch Shells.

(Signed) MULGRAVE, Acting Brig. Gen.