

had to struggle with were many and various, the perfect Harmony and good Humour that universally prevailed throughout the Siege overcame them all.

I cannot but express, in the strongest Terms, the meritorious Conduct of Captain Duncan and Lieutenant Alexander Duncan, of the Royal Artillery, and Lieutenant De Butts, of the Royal Engineers; but my Obligation is particularly great to Captain Duncan, as more Zeal, Ability and Judgment was never shewn by any Officer than were displayed by him; and I take the Liberty of mentioning him as an Officer highly entitled to His Majesty's Notice.

I feel myself very much indebted for the Vigilance and Attention of Captain Wolfeley, of the Impetieuse, and of Captain Hallowell, who became a Volunteer wherever he could be useful, after being superseded in the Command of the Courageux by Captain Waldegrave. The former kept a diligent Watch upon the Island of Capraia, where the Enemy have Magazines of Provisions and Stores, and the latter did the same, by guarding the Harbour's Mouth of Bastia with Gun-Boats and Launches well armed, the whole of every Night, whilst the smaller Boats were very judiciously placed in the Intervals between, and rather without the Ships (which were moored in a Crescent just out of Reach of the Enemy's Guns) by Captain Young, of the Fortitude, the Center Ship, on Board of which every Boat assembled at Sun-set for Orders; and the Cheerfulness with which the Officers and Men performed this nightly Duty is very much to be admired, and afforded me the most heartfelt Satisfaction and Pleasure.

The very great and effectual Assistance I received from Vice-Admiral Goodall, Captain Inglefield and Captain Knight, as well as from every Captain and Officer of His Majesty's Ships under my Command, have a just Claim to my most particular Thanks, not only in carrying into Execution my Orders afloat, but in attending to and supplying the Wants of the little Army on Shore: It is to the very cordial and decided Support *alone* I had the Honour to receive from the Whole, that the innumerable Difficulties we had to contend with were so happily surmounted.

Major Smith and Ensign Vigoureux, of the 25th Regiment, and Captain Radford and Lieutenant St. George of the 11th, not embarking with their respective Regiments, having Civil Employments on Shore; it is to their Honor I mention, that they relinquished those Employments, and joined their Corps, soon after the Troops were landed.

It is very much my Duty to inform you, that I am extremely obliged to General Petrecono, Mr. Frediani, and all the Officers of the Corsicans, serving with the Army, for their great Zeal, Ardour and Attention, in forwarding the Reduction of Bastia by every Means in their Power, who were of infinite Service by preserving good Order in the Troops.

I transmit an Account of the Loss on the Part of His Majesty, in Killed and Wounded, which, I am happy to say, is inconsiderable; but the Enemy suffered much, their Hospitals being full.

At the Commencement of the Siege, the Number of the Enemy bearing Arms was 3000.

By the first Ship that sails for England, I shall have the Honor of sending, to be laid at His Majesty's Feet, the several Stand of Colours taken at Bastia.

Captain Hunt, who was on Shore in the Command

of the Batteries from the Hour the Troops landed to the Surrender of the Town, will be the Bearer of this Dispatch, and can give any further Information you may wish to know respecting the Siege:

I have the Honor, &c.

H O O D.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas.

*His Britannick Majesty's Ship Victory,
off Bastia, May 19, 1794.*

IN Consideration of the very gallant Defence the Garrison of Bastia has made, and from the Principles of Humanity which ever govern British Officers, I am disposed to give you Terms; and if you will send on Board Two or Three Officers, properly authorized to treat, I trust a Capitulation will be soon settled, as honorable to the Inhabitants as can in any Reason be expected.

(Signed)

H O O D.

*To the Commandant of the Garrison
and Mayor of the Town of Bastia.*

TRANSLATION.

*Bastia, the 2d Prereal, 2d Year of the
French Republick, One and Indivisible.*

The General of Division, Commander in Chief of the Army of the French Republick in Corsica, to Admiral Hood, Commander in Chief of the Squadron of the King of Great Britain, before Bastia.

MY LORD,

IN consequence of the Proposal which you did me the Honour of making in your Dispatch of the 18th May, (Old Style) I have the Honour of sending to you Two Adjutant Generals of the Army and Two Members of the Administrative Corps of this Town, who are commissioned to present to you the Plan of a Capitulation between the Garrison and Inhabitants of Bastia, and you, My Lord, in the Name of the King of Great Britain.

These Four Commissioners, who equally possess my Confidence, and that of the Garrison and of the Citizens, have Instructions to arrange, with you, the Settlement of all Matters relative to this Capitulation. I hope that you will be satisfied, and that they will enable you to fulfil the Views you have signified to me, of putting an End to the unavoidable Consequences of the Calamities of War, Captain Young has had a long Conference with me: I was of Opinion that a reciprocal Understanding might cooperate in the Success of the Negotiation which occupied our Attention, and I have requested him to acquaint you with my ingenuous and loyal Intentions.

Greeting or Health,

(Signed)

GENTILI,
Commander in Chief.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION of the Garrison and Town of BASTIA in CORSICA.

ON the 21st Day of May, 1794, by Order of the Right Honorable Lord Hood, Admiral of the Blue, and Commander in Chief His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in the Mediterranean Vice-Admiral Goodall; Captain Young, of the Fortitude; Captain J. N. Inglefield, Adjutant-General to the Fleet; and John M'Arthur; Secretary to his Excellency the Commander in Chief,

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