

Extract from the Minutes left on Board the Expedition by Captain Williamson, Aide de Camp to General Coote, dated 10 A. M. May 20th, Ostend-Roads.

SLUICE-Gates destroyed in the most compleat Manner. Boats burnt, and every Thing done, and the Troops ready to embark by Twelve o'Clock. When we found it impossible to embark, took the strongest Position on the Sand-Hills, and about Four in the Morning were attacked by a Column of 600 Men to our Left, an immense Column in Front, with Cannon, and a very large Column on the Right.

The General and Troops would have all been off with the Loss of not more than Three or Four Men if the Wind had not come to the Northward soon after we landed, and made so high a Sea. We have not been able to ascertain the exact Number of Men killed and wounded, but it is supposed they amount to about Fifty or Sixty.

The Officers killed and wounded are;

Major-General Coote, wounded;
Colonel Hely, 11th Regiment, killed;
Colonel Campbell, wounded;
Captain Walker, Royal Artillery, wounded.

A List of Killed and Wounded in His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under the Command of Home Popham, Esq; 19th May, 1798.—Ostend Roads.

Seamen, &c. of Woolverene.—1 killed, 10 wounded.
23d Regiment, on board the Wolverene.—1 killed, 5 wounded

Asp.—1 Seaman killed, Lieut. Edmonds wounded.

HOME POPHAM.

Parliament-Street, May 22, 1798.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy has been this Day received by the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-Colonel Warde, of the 1st Regiment of Guards, dated on Board the Expedition Frigate, Eight o'Clock, P. M. May 20, 1798.

S I R,

IN consequence of the Minerva Frigate (on Board which were the Four Light Infantry Companies of the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards) having unfortunately lost her Situation in the Squadron under the Command of Captain Popham, of the Royal Navy, during the Night of the 18th Instant, the Command of the Remainder of the Troops from that Accident, has devolved upon me; and I have the Honour to transmit to you the most correct Account that I have been enabled to collect.

Early on the Morning of the 19th Instant the following Troops, under the Command of Major-General Coote, viz.

Two Companies, Light Infantry, Coldstream Guards,

Two Ditto, ditto, 3d Guards,
11th Regiment of Foot,

23d } Flank Companies,
49th }

with Six Pieces of Ordnance, disembarked, and effected their Landing, at Three o'Clock in the Morning, to the Eastward of Ostend, and completed the

Object of the Expedition, by burning a Number of Boats destined for the Invasion of England, and by so completely destroying the Locks and Bason Gates of the Bruges Canal, that it was this Morning without a Drop of Water; and as I understand all the Transports fitting out at Flushing were intended to be brought to Ostend and Dunkirk by the inland Navigation, to avoid our Cruizers, that Arrangement will be defeated, and it will be a long Time before the Works can be repaired, as they were five Years finishing, and were esteemed the most complete Works of the Kind in Europe. The Troops had retreated, and were ready to re-embark by Twelve o'Clock the same Morning, with the Loss of only one Rank and File killed, and one Seaman wounded, but found it impossible from the Wind having increased, and the Surf running so high as entirely to prevent their regaining the Boats, upon which they took up a Position on the Sand Hills above the Beach, where they lay the whole of that Day and Night upon their Arms. The Enemy taking Advantage of the Length of Time and the Night, collected in very great Force, and soon after Day-Break this Morning, attacked them on every Side, when, after a most noble and gallant Defence, I am grieved to add, they were under the Necessity of capitulating, to a very great Superiority of Numbers.

I herewith inclose a List of the Killed and Wounded, and I have every Reason to believe it correct.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hely, 11th Foot, killed.

Major-General Coote, wounded.

Colonel Campbell, 3d Guards, wounded.

Major Donkin, 44th Foot, wounded.

Captain Walker, Royal Artillery, wounded.

And near Sixty Rank and File killed and wounded.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HENRY WARDE,

Capt. and Lieut. Col. 1st Guards.

Admiralty-Office, May 22, 1798.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Earl St. Vincent, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed on the Coast of Portugal, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Ville de Paris, off Cadiz, the 10th of May, 1798.

S I R,

Inclose a Letter from Captain Caulfield, of His Majesty's Sloop the Petterel, giving an Account of the Capture of one of the Enemy's Privateers, on his Passage from St. Domingo to Lisbon.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

ST. VINCENT.

Petterell, May 2, 1798, Latitude 38 deg. 46 min. N. Longitude 17 deg. 30 min. W.

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that, on the 30th Ultimo, in Latitude 37 deg. 52 min. N. Longitude 22 deg. 1 min. W. I fell in with, and captured Le Leopard, French Letter of Marque, mounting 12 Six-Pounders and 14 Swivels, and carrying 100 Men; had been out Twenty Days and not taken any Thing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) T. GORDON CAULFIELD.

To the Right Hon. Earl St. Vincent, K. B.
Es. Es. Es.