

strongly posted, and in a Country which opposed uncommon Obstacles to the Progress of Troops. The French suffered extremely in the Action, and retreated in much Confusion, leaving their Wounded and Seven Pieces of Cannon behind them.

On the 24th, Batteries were opened against the Reboubt de Bain; and on the 25th, at Night, Major-General Coote surpris'd the Enemy's Advanced Posts, when Seven Officers and Fifty Men were taken Prisoners; this Service was gallantly performed by Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, with the 1st Battalion of the 20th Regiment, and a small Detachment of Dragoons under the Orders of Lieutenant Kelly, of the 26th. The Enemy endeavoured to regain Possession of the Ground from which they had been driven, but were repulsed with Loss.

On the Morning of the 26th we opened Four Batteries on each Side of the Towa against the entrenched Camp of the French, which soon silenced their Fire, and induced them to withdraw many of their Guns.

On the 27th, in the Evening, General Menou sent an Aid-de-Camp to request an Armistice for Three Days, in order to give Time to prepare a Capitulation, which, after some Difficulties and Delays, was signed on the 2d of September.

I have the Honor to enclose you a Copy of the Capitulation, and also a List of the Number of Persons for whom the Enemy have required Shipping; by this it appears, that the Total of the Garrison of Alexandria consisted of upwards of Eight Thousand Soldiers, and One Thousand Three Hundred Sailors.

This arduous and important Service has at length been brought to a Conclusion. The Exertions of Individuals have been splendid and meritorious. I regret that the Bounds of a Dispatch will not allow me to specify the Whole, or to mention the Name of every Person who has distinguished himself in the public Service. I have received the greatest Support and Assistance from the General Officers of the Army. The Conduct of the Troops of every Description has been exemplary in the highest Degree; there has been much to applaud and nothing to reprehend; their Order and Regularity in the Camp have been as conspicuous as their Courage in the Field. To the Quarter-Master General Lieutenant-Colonel Aulruther I owe much for his unwearied Industry and Zeal in the public Service, and for the Aid, Advice, and Co-operation, which he has at all Times afforded me. Brigadier-General Lawson, who commanded the Artillery, and Captain Bryce, the Chief Engineer, have both great Merit in their different Departments. The local Situation of Egypt presents Obstacles of a most serious Kind to military Operations on an extended Scale. The Skill and Perseverance of those Two Officers have overcome Difficulties which at first appeared almost insurmountable.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lindenthal, who has always acted with the Turks, deserves my utmost Acknowledgments; his Activity and Diligence have been unremitting, and he has introduced amongst them an Order and Regularity which does him the highest Honor.

During the Course of the long Service on which we have been engaged, Lord Keith has, at all Times, given me the most able Assistance and Counsel. The Labour and Fatigue of the Navy

have been continued and excessive;—it have not been of One Day or of One Week, but for Months together. In the Bay of Aboukir, on the New Inundation, and on the Nile, for One Hundred and Sixty Miles, they have been employed without Intermission, and have submitted to many Privations with a Cheerfulness and Patience highly creditable to them, and advantageous to the public Service.

Sir Sidney Smith had originally the Command of the Seamen who landed from the Fleet; he continued on Shore till after the Capture of Rosetta, and returned on board the Tigre a short Time before the Appearance of Admiral Gantheaume's Squadron on the Coast. He was present in the Three Actions of the 8th, 13th, and 21st of March, when he displayed that Ardour of Mind for the Service of his Country, and that noble Intrepidity for which he has been ever so conspicuous. Captain Stevenson, of the Europa, succeeded him, and I have every Reason to be satisfied with his Zeal and Conduct. The Crews of the Gun-Boats displayed great Gallantry, under his Guidance, in the New Inundation; and much Approbation is also due to the Naval Officers who acted under his Orders.

Captain Prefsland of the Regulus has had the Direction for many Months past of all Greek Ships in our Employment, and of those belonging to the Commissariat. He has been active, zealous, and indefatigable, and merits my warmest Approbation. I must therefore beg Leave particularly to recommend this old and meritorious Officer to your Lordship's Protection.

Allow me to express an humble Hope, that the Army in Egypt have gratified the warmest Wishes and Expectations of their Country. To them every Thing is due, and to me nothing. It was my Fate to succeed a Man who created such a Spirit and established such a Discipline amongst them, that little has been left for me to perform except to follow his Maxims, and to endeavour to imitate his Conduct.

This Dispatch will be delivered to your Lordship by Colonel Abercromby, an Officer of considerable Ability, and worthy of the great Name which he bears. He will one Day, I trust, emulate the Virtue and Talents of his never sufficiently to be lamented Father.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

J. HELY HUTCHINSON, Lieutenant-General.

*The Right Honorable Lord Hobart,*

*&c. &c. &c.*

#### TRANSLATION.

ARTICLES of the CAPITULATION proposed by Abdoullahy Jacques François Menou, General in Chief of the French Army now in Alexandria, to the Generals commanding the Land and Sea Forces of His Britannic Majesty, and of the Sublime Porte, forming the Blockade of Alexandria, dated the 12th Fructidor, Year Nine of the French Republic (30th August 1801).

Art. I. From the present Date to the 30th Fructidor, (17th September 1801,) there shall be a Continuation of the Truce and Suspension of Arms between the French Army and the Combined Armies of His Britannic Majesty and of the Sublime Porte, upon the same Conditions with those which actually subsist, with the Exception of a