

the Remainder were all French. The other Persons embarked were Followers of the Army, and attached to it in various civil Capacities.

Major-General Cradock having been confined at Cairo by Illness, I entrusted the Command of the Troops to Major-General Moore, who, during a long March of a very novel and critical Nature, displayed much Judgment, and conducted himself in the most able and judicious Manner. Notwithstanding the Mixture of Turks, British, and French, the utmost Regularity was preserved, and no one disagreeable Circumstance ever took place. My Presence at Cairo was rendered indispensably necessary, by some Arrangements which I was obliged to make with His Highness the Grand Vizier.

Major-General Baird, after having struggled through many Difficulties in passing the Desert, and from Want of Boats to descend the Nile, has at length arrived at Cairo with the greatest Part of the Troops under his Command, and I imagine he will reach Rosetta in the course of a few Days: he has been directed to detach a certain Number of Troops to Damietta, and to leave a Garrison at Giza.

We Two Days ago commenced our Operations against Alexandria; as yet no Event of any Consequence has taken place; we have lost a few Men, and taken a few Prisoners.

Major-General Coote has been detached with a considerable Corps to the Westward, in order to invest the Town completely on that Side, and to cut off the Communication of the Enemy with the Arabs, who have been in the Habit of supplying them with small Quantities of Cattle and other Kinds of Fresh Provisions. General Coote's first Operation will be directed against Marabout, a Castle on an Island at the Entrance of the old Harbour of Alexandria.

I cannot conclude this Letter without stating to your Lordship the many Obligations I have to Lord Keith and the Navy, for the great Exertions they have used in forwarding to us the necessary Supplies, and from the Fatigue they have undergone in the late Embarkation of a considerable Number of Troops and Stores, who were embarked on the new Lake, and proceeded to the Westward under the Orders of Major-General Coote.

The utmost Dispatch has also been used in sending the French Troops, lately captured, to France; which, in our present Position, was a Service of the most essential Consequence.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) J. HELY HUTCHINSON, Lieutenant-General.

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General the Honorable Sir John Hely Hutchinson, K. B. to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, dated Head-Quarters, Camp before Alexandria, 19th August 1801.*

I was honored with your Lordship's Dispatches of the 19th May, at Cairo, where I remained to settle some essential Business with His Highness the Grand Vizier, on the Subject of the Mamalukes; I have put their Affairs in a Train of Negotiation, and hope to bring them to a fortunate Issue.

The Siege of Alexandria will probably be attended with many Difficulties; the Works towards the East Side, where we are encamped, are prodigiously strong, and can hardly be approached on Account

of the Narrowness of the Space between the Lake and the Sea, and the Nature of the Ground towards the West, the Works are not so strong, but however the Difficulties in approaching them are also numerous; the Corps there is completely in the Desert, the Communication with us (by whom they must be supplied with every Thing,) is tedious, and the Boats employed have a most severe Duty to perform; General Coote has, however, been so fortunate as to find Water; on the Whole, I cannot flatter myself that Alexandria will be in our Possession in a short Time, unless some Event takes place, of which we are not at present aware.

The Reinforcements from England, Minorca, and Malta, are all arrived, except the 48th Regiment from the latter Place; they are very fine Troops, and in a perfect State of Health, Order, and Discipline.

Admiralty-Office, November 14, 1801.

*Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Keith, Admiral of the Blue, &c. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Eudroyant, Bay of Aboukir, September 2, 1801.*

SIR,

I Have the Honor and Satisfaction of acquainting you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the important Object of this Expedition is fully accomplished; a Capitulation (of which a Copy is inclosed) has been this Day signed, providing for the Delivery to the Allies, To-morrow, of the Enemy's entrenched Camp on the Eastern Side of Alexandria, and the Fort Triangulaire, and other important Posts on the Western Side; and for that of the Town itself, the Public Effects, and the Shipping in the Harbour, at the Expiration of Ten Days, or sooner if the Enemy's Troops can be sooner embarked; as soon as I can obtain Returns of the Ships and Effects they shall be transmitted to you. The Merchant Vessels are very numerous, and One old Venetian Ship of the Line, with the French Frigates *Egyptienne*, *Justice*, and *Regenerée*, and some Corvettes, are known to be in the Port.

Their Lordships will not fail to have observed from my former Details, the meritorious Conduct of the Officers and Men who have been from Time to Time employed on the various Duties which the Debarkation of the Army and a Co-operation with them has required. Though Opportunities for brilliant Exertion have been few since the 8th of March, the Desire for participating in it has been unremitting. But the Nature of this Expedition has demanded from most of the Officers and Seamen of the Fleet, and particularly from those of the Troop Ships, Bomb Vessels, and Transports, the Endurance of Labour, Fatigue, and Privation far beyond what I have witnessed before, and which I verily believe to have exceeded all former Example; and it has been encountered and surmounted with a Degree of Resolution and Perseverance which merits my highest Praise, and gives both Officers and Men a just Claim to the Protection of their Lordships, and the Approbation of their Country. The Number of Officers to whom I owe this Tribute of Approbation, does not admit of my mentioning them by Name, but most of the Captains of the Troop Ships have been em-