

were put in Possession of the several Defences of the Town. Of the modified Capitulation, as ratified by us, I have the Honor to inclose a Copy.

The cordial, able, and zealous Co-operation of Commodore Sir Home Popham, emulated by all the Officers under his Command, merits my warmest Acknowledgments and Commendation; and I have the Satisfaction to add, that no united Service was ever performed with more true Harmony than has uniformly been manifested by both Branches of His Majesty's Forces. Such of His Majesty's Ships as could be spared from the Service of Lospards Bay, constantly coasted the Enemy's Shore, throwing Shot among his Troops and People, and contributing to keep him ignorant of the actual Place of our Disembarkation; and a very spirited Effort was made by the Marines of the Fleet, and a Party of Seamen from the Diadem, under the Commodore's immediate Command, to occupy a Position in Reit Valley, and co-operate with the Army.

The Marines and the Honorable Company's Recruits, as well as their Cadets, headed by Lieutenant-Colonel Willett, of the Bengal Establishment, have been usefully employed in different Branches of the Service; but I have to regret the Deprivation of the Services of the 20th, Dragoons, and 38th Regiment, under a Conviction that they could not have failed to discharge their Duty in the same exemplary manner as the rest of His Majesty's Troops engaged in the Action.

Public as well as personal Considerations induce me to lament the Absence of Brigadier-General Beresford, from whose Talents and Experience I should have derived the most essential Assistance in our disputed and difficult Progress from Lospards Bay.

The Duties of the Quarter-Master General's Department were very ably and judiciously discharged by Lieutenant-Colonel Brownrigg; and although the Army had the greatest Cause to lament the Absence, from severe Illness, of Major Tucker, Deputy Adjutant-General, yet the Zeal and Activity manifested by Major Trotter of the 83d Regiment, and the Assistant-Adjutant-General Captain Munro, happily precluded all Deficiency in that Department. The Absence of Captain Smyth, of the Royal Engineers, with the Salqanha Detachment, was also a Matter of great Regret to me, for his Knowledge of the Country would have relieved me from much Embarrassment.

To the several Officers commanding Corps, I am under considerable Obligations for their gallant, spirited, zealous, and judicious Conduct and Example, in leading their Men up to the Enemy. British Troops, headed by such Men, must ever, under Providence, command Success; and every Man in this Army has, I trust it will be considered, preserved the Character of the British Soldier, and faithfully discharged his Duty to His King and Country.

This Dispatch will be delivered to your Lordship by Lieutenant-Colonel Baird, and to whom I beg Leave to refer for any additional Information your Lordship may wish to obtain, respecting our Proceedings; and I beg Leave to recommend this zealous and meritorious Officer to your Lordship's Protection.

I take the Liberty of mentioning to your Lordship, that not having been joined by the Narcissus

Frigate prior to our Disembarkation, and subsequent Operations in the Field, I was unfortunately deprived of the Services of Captain Sorell, Assistant-Adjutant-General, who was charged with my Dispatches from Madeira to Governor Patton, and with the Execution of my Wishes to procure Intelligence relative to the Strength and Condition of this Colony; and from whose extensive local Knowledge and professional Talents, I expected to derive great Assistance.

Herewith I have the Honor to inclose for your Lordship's Information, a Return of the Ordnance found in the Citadel and other Defences of this Settlement, but it is perhaps inaccurate, for the Reason assigned by the Commanding Officer of Artillery. I have the Honor to be, &c.

D. BAIRD, Major-General,
Commanding in Chief.

To Viscount Castlereagh, &c. &c. &c.

Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Forces under the Command of Major-General Sir David Baird, in landing at Lospards Bay, on the 6th of January 1806.

First Brigade.—None.

Second, or Highland, Brigade.

71st Reg.—1 Rank and File, killed; 1 Field-Officer, 3 Rank and File, wounded.

N. B. 1 Drummer and 35 Rank and File, of the 93d Regiment, drowned in landing.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

Brevet-Major Weir, Brigade Major, slightly.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pack, of the 71st Regiment, slightly.

W. H. TROTTER, Major, 83d Reg.
Acting Deputy Adj. Gen.

Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Forces under the Command of Major-General Sir David Baird, in the Action of the 8th of January, 1806, at Blaw-berg.

First Brigade.

24th Reg.—1 Captain, 3 Rank and File, killed; 1 Drummer, 15 Rank and File, wounded; 2 Rank and File, missing.

59th Reg.—1 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 5 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Rank and File, missing.

83d Reg.—2 Serjeants, 2 Rank and File, wounded; 3 Rank and File, missing.

Second, or Highland, Brigade.

71st Reg.—5 Rank and File, killed; 1 Field-Officer, 2 Serjeants, 64 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Rank and File, missing.

72d Reg.—2 Rank and File, killed; 1 Field-Officer, 1 Subaltern, 2 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 33 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Rank and File, missing.

93d Reg.—2 Rank and File, killed; 1 Field-Officer, 4 Subalterns, 1 Serjeant, 1 Drummer, 51 Rank and File, wounded.

Marine Battalion.—1 Rank and File, killed.

Total.—1 Captain, 14 Rank and File, killed; 3 Field-Officers, 1 Captain, 5 Subalterns, 7 Serjeants, 3 Drummers, 170 Rank and File, wounded; 8 Rank and File, missing.