

Although their Lordships will perceive by the detailed Account of our Transactions here, and the accompanying Plan of the different Dispositions which were made, that no brilliant Service fell to the Lot of the Squadron I have the honor to command, yet it is what I owe every Officer and Seaman to state, that under the most laborious Duty I ever experienced, their Zeal never abated. To Captain Rowley I feel personally indebted for his Readiness on every Occasion; and I have no Doubt but the highest Satisfaction will be expressed of the Conduct of Captain Byng, who commanded the Marine Battalion, by an Authority far exceeding mine: And I enclose, for their Lordships Information, a Copy of the Report he made me on the Conduct of the Officers serving in that Battalion; to which, exclusive of those belonging to the Squadron, are added Captain Hardinge, of the Saffette, and several other Officers, now on their Passage to India to join their Ships.

Captain Butterfield and Lieutenant Cochrane of the Transports, were on all Occasions ready to forward the Service, and we are particularly indebted to Captains Cameron, Christopher, and Moring, of the Honorable Company's Ships Dutchess of Gordon, Sir William Pultney, and Comet, who particularly exerted themselves in assisting the Troops through the Surf.

It is impossible for me to transmit any Returns of the Stores taken, by this Opportunity, or of the State of the Bato of Sixty-eight Guns, in Seamen's Bay; but it is, however, so strongly reported that the Enemy has not completely succeeded in his Attempt to burn her, that I have sent Captain Percy to take Possession of her, and, if possible, to move her into Safety, as the Enemy has totally abandoned her.

Captain Downman, of the Diadem, will have the Honor of delivering this Dispatch to their Lord-

ships, and from the intelligent Manner in which I am satisfied he will explain every Movement; and the Causes by which I have been actuated, I trust he will require no further Recommendation to their Lordships' Protection.

I cannot, however, conclude this Letter without assuring their Lordships that I know no Instance where a stronger Degree of Confidence and Unanimity has been exemplified between the two Professions than on the present Occasion, and I humbly hope this Circumstance, coupled with the meritorious and successful Issue of Sir David Baird's Military Dispositions will recommend this Armament to His Majesty's most gracious Favour and Protection.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
HOME POPHAM.

His Majesty's Ship Belliqueux, Table Bay,
SIR,
14th January 1806.

AFTER the public Orders issued by General Sir David Baird, I feel it unnecessary to trouble you with any further Report on the Conduct of the Marine Brigade than to send you a Copy of it. I never witnessed more Zeal and determined Spirit than was universally prevalent; and I take the Liberty of annexing the Names of all the Volunteer Officers,* and I return my Thanks to them, as well as those Officers from the Indiamen, so ably led by Captain Edmeads, of the William Pitt, to whom I am particularly indebted for his Exertions.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) GEO. BYNG.

To Sir Home Popham, K. B. Commodore,
&c. &c. &c.

* Captain Harding, Lieutenants Pigot, Graham, Sutherland, Mingay, Carew, and Pearce.

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