

neral Regnier quitted his Position near Cotrone, certainly not Three Thousand remained. The Losses of the French in Upper Calabria have also borne a Proportion.

A great deal of heavy Ordnance, lately transported by the French to Cotrone, besides what was found mounted on the Castle, amounting in the Whole to about Forty Pieces, have fallen into our Hands.

*Downing Street, 6th September, 1806.*

A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, has been received by the Right Honourable W. Windham, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from General the Right Honourable H. E. Fox, Commander of His Majesty's Forces in the Mediterranean.

SIR, *Messina, 3d August, 1806.*

I HAVE the Honor of inclosing to you the Capitulation of Cotrone, as well as Extracts of Two Letters received this Day from Lieutenant Colonel M'Leod, of the 78th Regiment, and addressed to Major-General Sir John Stuart, who had detached that Officer for the Purpose of giving Support to the armed Peasantry on the adjacent Coast, and of making an Attack on that Place itself.

Lieutenant Colonel M'Leod appears to have conducted himself with the greatest Judgment and Activity in this Service, and to have received the most ready Co-operation, and essential Assistance, from Captain Holte, of His Majesty's Ship Amphion, who has all along acted in Conjunction with him.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) H. E. FOX.

*Right Hon. W. Windham, &c. &c. &c.*

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel M'Leod to Major-General Sir John Stuart, dated Amphion Frigate, off Cotrone, 27th July 1806.*

BY the Letter I had the Honor of addressing to you on the 24th Instant, accompanying the Duplicates of my Letters of the preceding Evening, you will be aware that it was my Intention to move, in Conjunction with Captain Holte's Squadron, to this Place on the following Day, under an Impression that a Feint on the Enemy's Rear, and this his sole remaining Depôt, would induce him to divide his Force, and of course make it so much the more easy for the Chiefs of the Masse to succeed in their projected Attacks on his Position at Catanzano.

The Fleet got under weigh accordingly at Eight o'Clock, P. M. and the following Morning (although a considerable Distance from the Shore) I had the Satisfaction to observe the French Army in full Retreat towards Cotrone; as their Route or Road appeared to run nearly parallel to, and within Gun-shot of the Beach, and to be bounded on the opposite Side by a Chain of Mountains, no better Opportunity could be offered, apparently, for an effectual Co-operation with the Masse. With this View Captain Holte made a prompt Disposition of his Frigate and small craft, while the Transports were directed to make sail towards a Point considerably in Front of the Enemy's Column, and to make a Demonstration of Landing there; this Appearance occasioned in the first Instance a Halt of the Enemy's Column,

and in the next a Change of its Direction towards the Mountains; Captain Holte was enabled however to open a brisk Cannonade on his Centre and Rear, which appeared to be immediately affected by it, and in an Hour's Time occasioned those Parts of his Column to break and disperse in the Mountains. The Enemy's Loss in this Affair amounted to about Fifty or Sixty wounded, who were brought in Wag-gons to Cotrone this Morning. After the Dispersion of the Enemy in the Mountains, the Fleet made Sail towards this Place, his supposed Destination, where the Frigate and Transports came to an Anchor, after exchanging a few Shot with the Citadel, at Eight o'Clock in the Evening. In the Morning we discovered that the Enemy's Army had not yet arrived, but under an anxious Expectation for their Appearance, a Disposition was made with the Transports and Men of War to give him every possible Annoyance; and accordingly, having permitted him quietly to take up his Position within Gun shot, the Frigate's Broadside was brought to bear upon him, and in the Space of Half an Hour completely dislodged and obliged him to take up a new Position without the Range of her Guns, in the Mountains.

*Amphion Frigate, off Cotrone, 6 P. M.*

SIR, *29th July, 1806.*

SEVERAL Appearances in the French Encampment, concurring with other Information I had received on the Evening of the 27th, that the Enemy meditated a Move, I thought it proper to detain a Communication I had prepared for you on that Day, until I could convey more decided Intelligence on this important Subject. I have now the utmost Satisfaction in acquainting you that the greatest Part of the French Army retreated, in a Northerly Direction from Cotrone, just before Daylight on the Morning of the 28th Ult.

Immediately on obtaining this Information, I dispatched Expresses to the different Chiefs of the Masse, requiring them to concert Arrangements for a close Pursuit, and pointed out the many Advantages they must consequently have over a flying and dispirited Enemy in their Mountains. I have, however, not yet been able, through any Source, to discover satisfactorily by which of the Routes to the Northward he has retired. Some state it to be in the Direction of Tarentum, to join a small Force in that Province; others as positively assert that he is endeavouring to pass by the Mountains to Cosenza, and by that Route to Cassano. Such is the imperfect Intelligence I have on this Point, that I have not yet been able to determine so important a Question.

The Enemy's Route from this City has been marked by Circumstances of the most cruel Devastation. The Village of Strongoli, with several others within our View, which he conceived hostile to his Cause, have been ransacked and burnt to the Ground.

Our Information of Yesterday stated that One Thousand Men had been left to garrison the Town and City of Cotrone.—But several Deserters, who joined us this Morning, having mentioned that the greatest Part of this Force had marched to join their Army in the Course of the Night, Captain Holte agreed with myself in the Propriety of summoning the Town and Citadel to surrender to the Force under our Orders, conceiving that the imme-

