

diate Possession of what we understood to be the Enemy's sole Depôt, and his *dernier Refort* in Lower Calabria in Point of Position, together with the Removal of his Stores, &c., might contribute to prevent his Attempt to re-enter the Province.

I have now the Pleasure to inclose Copies of the Summons, and of the Terms of Capitulation finally agreed upon between us. I trust our Judgment in this Proceeding will be confirmed by your Approbation.

I shall find it however necessary to disembark a considerable Part of my Battalion this Day to cover the Evacuation of the Town and Citadel, and to superintend the Completion of the other Articles of the Capitulation. After which I shall immediately re-embark, and propose to make the best of my Way to Messina on the 2d or 3d of August, unless previously I may receive such Information as may alter my Opinion, that the French have completely evacuated lower Calabria for the present.

I am sorry to say that a good deal of Sickness has prevailed in the 78th since it failed, in consequence of their previous Fatigues, and that it has lost Eight Men. The Disease is however not spreading; and having appointed an Hospital Ship, I trust its Progress will be completely checked. This unpleasant Circumstance will hasten my Return to Messina, unless I receive contrary Instructions.

The Number of Prisoners and Deserters now with this Fleet amount to about Five Hundred, of which Number one Half and upwards are sick and wounded.

The Enemy being, I believe, now completely driven from the Lower, if not both Calabrias, I cannot resist this Opportunity of offering my Congratulations on so brilliant a Result to the Expedition undertaken by the Army under your immediate Command, which cannot fail to be recorded in the British Annals as an Achievement of the first Order.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) P. M'LEOD.

Major-General Sir John Stuart, &c. &c. &c.

I have just received Intelligence which I can rely upon, that the Route which the Enemy pursued Yesterday was by Strongoli and Cino, and I am to conclude he will pursue that Route Coastways to Cassano.

COPY of the SUMMONS to the French Garrison of Cotrone.

THE Officers commanding the Naval and Land Forces of His Britannic Majesty hereby summon you to surrender the Town and Citadel of Cotrone to the British Force now before it.

The Officers who deliver this Summons to you are directed to lay before you such Articles of Capitulation as we are disposed to grant, and to wait One Hour for your Answer.

Being perfectly aware of your present Circumstances, you may believe that this Summons is dictated under mature Deliberation, and with a View of saving that Effusion of Blood which must be the Consequence of a Resistance on your Part.

(Signed) W. HOSTE, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Squadron.
P. M'LEOD, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Troops.

To the Officer commanding the French Garrison in Cotrone.

TERMS of CAPITULATION *finally agreed upon between the Officers commanding the British Sea and Land Forces, and those commanding the French Troops in the Citadel of Cotrone.*

Art. I. THE French Troops are to march out of the Citadel of Cotrone at Ten o'Clock A. M. the 30th July, 1806, with the Honors of War, to that Part of the Beach where the Flag of Truce was this Day received, and there deposit their Arms, and immediately after embark on board of Transports, to be sent to Messina, where they are to be considered Prisoners of War till regularly exchanged.

Art. II. The Sick and Wounded are in a similar Manner to be sent to Messina, attended by their own Surgeons and Assistants, and are afterwards to be considered and exchanged as Prisoners of War.

Art. III. Officers are permitted to wear their Swords, and are to be considered as Prisoners of War until exchanged.

Art. IV. The Troops of His Britannic Majesty will preserve Order and Tranquillity in the City.

Art. V. All private Property which belongs, *bonâ fide*, to either Officers or Soldiers will be respected.

Art. VI. All public Property that there may be, is to be delivered over, with a proper Inventory, to the Officer who takes Possession of the Place.

Art. VII. The Surgeons will attend their own Sick and Wounded, as mentioned in Article II., but all Civilians who have attended the French Army will be considered as Prisoners of War, in consequence of the Principle established by the French Government during the present War.

Art. VIII. The British Troops will take Possession of the Gates of the Town of Cotrone between Eight and Ten o'Clock Tomorrow Morning; the French Garrison will march out of the Citadel at Ten o'Clock A. M. precisely, and be immediately embarked for Messina, agreeably to Article I.

(Signed) W. HOSTE, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Squadron.
P. M'LEOD, Lieut. Colonel commanding 2d 78th Reg.