

between Elsinour and Copenhagen, and at this Place the Army was disembarked this Morning without the smallest Opposition.

I have the Honour to transmit herewith a Copy of the Proclamation which Lieutenant General Lord Cathcart and myself have determined to issue on this Occasion.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. GAMBIER.

*Viscount Castlereagh, &c. &c. &c.*

By the Commanders in Chief of His Majesty's Forces by Sea and by Land.

WHEREAS the present Treaties of Peace, and the Changes of Government and of Territory acceded to, and by so many Foreign Powers, have so far increased the Influence of France on the Continent of Europe, as to render it impossible for Denmark, though it desires to be Neutral, to preserve its Neutrality, and absolutely necessary for those who continue to resist the French Aggression, to take Measures to prevent the Arms of a Neutral Power from being turned against them.

In this View the King cannot regard the present Position of Denmark with Indifference, and His Majesty has sent Negotiators with ample Powers to His Danish Majesty, to request in the most amicable Manner such Explanations as the Times require, and a Concurrence in such Measures as can alone give Security against the further Mischiefs which the French meditate through the Acquisition of the Danish Navy.

The King our Royal and most Gracious Master has therefore judged it expedient to desire the temporary Deposit of the Danish Ships of the Line in One of His Majesty's Ports.

This Deposit seems to be so just, and so indispensably necessary under the relative Circumstances of the Neutral and Belligerent Powers, that His Majesty has further deemed it a Duty to himself and to his People, to support his Demand by a powerful Fleet, and by an Army amply supplied with every Preparation necessary for the most determined and active Enterprize.

We come, therefore, to your Shores, Inhabitants of Zealand, not as Enemies, but in Self-Defence, to prevent those who have so long disturbed the Peace of Europe from compelling the Force of your Navy to be turned against us.

We ask Deposit, we have not looked to Capture; so far from it, the most solemn Pledge has been offered to your Government, and is hereby renewed, in the Name, and at the express Command, of the King our Master, that if our Demand is amicably acceded to, every Ship belonging to Denmark shall, at the Conclusion of a general Peace, be restored to her in the same Condition and State of Equipment as when received under the Protection of the British Flag.

It is in the Power of your Government by a Word to sheath our Swords, most reluctantly drawn against you; but if on the other Hand, the Machinations of France render you deaf to the Voice of Reason, and to the Call of Friendship, the innocent Blood that will be spilt, and the Horrors of a besieged and bombarded Capital, must fall on your own Heads, and on those of your cruel Advisers.

His Majesty's Seamen and Soldiers when on Shore

will treat Zealand, as long as your Conduct to them permits it, on the Footing of a Province of the most friendly Power in Alliance with Great Britain, whose Territory has the Misfortune to be the Theatre of War.

The Persons of all those who remain at Home, and who do not take a hostile Part, will be held sacred.

Property will be respected and preserved, and the most severe Discipline will be enforced.

Every Article of Supply furnished or brought to Market will be paid for at a fair and settled Price; but as immediate and constant Supplies, especially of Provisions, Forage, Fuel, and Transport, are necessary to all Armies, it is well known that Requisitions are unavoidable, and must be enforced.

Much Convenience must arise to the Inhabitants, and much Confusion and Loss to them will be prevented, if Persons in Authority are found in the several Districts to whom Requisitions may be addressed, and through whom Claims for Payment may be settled and liquidated.

If such Persons are appointed, and discharge their Duty without meddling in Matters which do not concern them, they shall be respected, and all Requisitions shall be addressed to them through the proper Channels and Departments of the Navy and Army; but as Forbearance on the Part of the Inhabitants is essential to the principal of these Arrangements, it is necessary that all Manner of Civil Persons should remain at their respective Habitations; and any Peasants or other Persons found in Arms, singly or in small Troops, or who may be guilty of any Act of Violence, must expect to be treated with Rigour.

The Government of His Danish Majesty having hitherto refused to treat this Matter in an amicable Way, Part of the Army has been disembarked, and the whole Force has assumed a warlike Attitude; but it is as yet not too late for the Voice of Reason and Moderation to be heard.

Given in the Sound, under our Hands and Seals this 16th Day of August, 1807.

(Signed) JAMES GAMBIER.  
CATHCART.

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Lord Cathcart to Lord Castlereagh, dated Head-Quarters at Hellerup, before Copenhagen, August 22, 1807.*

I HAVE inclosed a Journal of the Operations of the Army from the 14th, in the Morning, together with a Return of the Casualties which have occurred, except those of the Cavalry, which are not considerable, but have not been transmitted.

*Head-Quarters, Hellerup, before Copenhagen, 22d August 1807.*

*Journal of the Army under the Command of Lieutenant-General Lord Cathcart, from the Morning of the 14th August 1807.*

August 14th. THE Fleet between Elsinour and Helsingberg—Calms and contrary Winds—Transports assembled by Brigades, each under the Charge of One of His Majesty's Ships.

15th. The Fleet worked up to Vedbeck, the Reserve anchoring nearest the Shore, covered by the Surveillante, and by several Gun-Brigs and Bombs. Major-General Spencer's Brigade under convoy of