

Prince of Wales, off Copenhagen,
September 2, 1807.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honour, in Reply to your Letter of the 26th Instant, to transmit to you a Copy of the Summons which was Yesterday sent in to the Governor of Copenhagen, and of the Governor's Answer; by which your Lordship will be informed of the Terms which, in pursuance of your former Instructions, Lord Cathcart and myself conceived it our Duty to propose previously to the opening of the Batteries against the City. Not conceiving it expedient to suspend our Operations so long as to allow the Governor to communicate with His Danish Majesty, we have apprized General Peiman of our Determination, in a Letter, of which I have the Honour also to transmit your Lordship a Copy.

I have the Honour to be, &c. J. GAMBIER.
The Right Honourable Viscount Castlereagh.

British Head-Quarters, before Copenhagen,
SIR, September 1, 1807.

WE, the Commanders in Chief of His Majesty's Sea and Land Forces now before Copenhagen, judge it expedient at this Time to summon you to surrender the Place, for the Purpose of avoiding the further Effusion of Blood, by giving up a Defence which it is evident cannot long be continued.

The King, our Gracious Master, used every Endeavour to settle the Matter now in Dispute, in the most conciliating Manner, through his Diplomatic Servants.

To convince His Danish Majesty and all the World, of the Reluctance with which His Majesty finds himself compelled to have recourse to Arms, we, the undersigned, at this Moment when our Troops are before your Gates, and our Batteries ready to open, do renew to you the Offer of the same advantageous and conciliatory Terms which were proposed through His Majesty's Ministers to your Court.

If you will consent to deliver up the Danish Fleet, and to our carrying it away, it shall be held in Deposit for His Danish Majesty, and shall be restored, with all its Equipments, in as good State as it is received, as soon as the Provisions of a general Peace shall remove the Necessity which has occasioned this Demand.

The Property of all Sorts which has been captured since the Commencement of Hostilities will be restored to its Owners, and the Union between the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and Denmark may be renewed.

But if this Offer is rejected now, it cannot be repeated. The captured Property, public and private, must then belong to the Captors; and the City, when taken, must share the Fate of conquered Places.

We must request an early Decision, because in the present advanced Position of the Troops so near your Glacis, the most prompt and vigorous Attack is indispensable, and Delay would be improper.

We, therefore, expect to receive your Decision by

We have the Honour to be, &c.

J. GAMBIER,
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's
Ships and Vessels in the Baltic.

CATHCART.

*His Excellency General Peiman, Governor
of Copenhagen, &c. &c. &c.*

MY LORDS, *Copenhagen, Sept. 1, 1807.*

OUR Fleet, our own indisputable Property, we are convinced is as safe in His Danish Majesty's Hands as ever it can be in those of the King of England, as our Master never intended any Hostilities against yours.

If you are cruel enough to endeavour to destroy a City that has not given any the least Cause to such a Treatment at your Hands, it must submit to its Fate; but Honour and Duty bid us reject a Proposal unbecoming an independent Power; and we are resolved to repel every Attack, and defend to the utmost the City and our good Cause, for which we are ready to lay down our Lives.

The only Proposal in my Power to make, in order to prevent further Effusion of Blood, is to send to my Royal Master, for learning his final Resolution, with respect to the Contents of your Letter, if you will grant a Passport for this Purpose.

I am, &c.

(Signed) PEIMAN,
Commander in Chief of His Danish
Majesty's Land Forces.

*His Excellency Admiral Gambier, and Lord
Cathcart, Commanders in Chief of the
British Sea and Land Forces.*

Head-Quarters before Copenhagen,
SIR, September 2, 1807.

IT is with great Regret that we acquaint you, that it is not in our Power to suspend our Combined Operations during the Time necessary for consulting your Government.

We have done the utmost within the Limits of our Authority in offering to you, at this Moment, Terms as advantageous as those which were proposed to prevent a Rupture.

We shall deeply lament the Destruction of the City, if it is injured; but we have the Satisfaction to reflect, that, in having renewed to you, for the last Time, the Offer of the most advantageous and conciliatory Terms, we have done our utmost to save the Effusion of Blood, and prevent the Horrors of War.

We have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. GAMBIER, Admiral, &c.
CATHCART, Lieut. Gen. &c.

*His Excellency Major-General Peiman, Com-
mander in Chief of His Danish Majesty's
Land Forces, Copenhagen.*

Prince of Wales, Copenhagen Roads,
MY LORD, September 5, 1807.

I HAVE the Honour to transmit your Lordship a Copy of an Order which I judged it my Duty to issue on the 17th Ult. for detaining Danish Vessels, in consequence of which, the Ships under my Command have sent into this Anchorage, Sixty Sail, which I have kept here, in order that, if Circumstances should have made it expedient, in treating for the Danish Fleet, to agree to deliver up all private Property that had been taken since the Commencement of Hostilities, the said Vessels might have been restored to their proper Owners: But the Danes not having accepted the Proposals made to them for the above Purpose, it is my Intention to send the said Vessels to London under proper Convoy, to be dealt with according to His Majesty's Pleasure.

I have the Honour to be, &c. J. GAMBIER.
The Right Honourable Viscount Castlereagh.