

lane, under the immediate Fire of His Majesty's Ships Warrior and Success, aided by the British and Sicilian Gun-Boats, in the Face of a formidable Chain of Batteries, with which every accessible Part of the Shore was perfectly fortified. These were turned and successively abandoned as our Troops gained their Footing. About Two Hundred and Fifty or Three Hundred Men of the 1st Légère, in the 3rd Instance fell into our Hands. General Colonna who commanded, retired with his principal Force into the Castle, where he rejected a Summons from Major-General Mac-Farlane, and held out until the 30th Ultimo, when a breaching Battery having been erected against his Works, he surrendered upon Terms of Capitulation.

As it was conjectured by the Admiral and myself that the Success and Promptitude with which the landing upon Ischia was effected, might probably operate an Influence upon the adjacent Garrison of Procida, a Summons was immediately sent to the Commandant thereof, who, in the Course of the Day, submitted to our proposed Terms; an Event which contributed most fortunately to the almost entire Capture or Destruction of a large Flotilla of about Forty heavy Gun-Boats, which attempted their Passage during the Night and following Morning to Naples from Gaeta, and expected to find Protection, as well as Co-operation, under the Artillery of the Forts, in their Passage through the narrow Streight that separates the Island from the Main.

This important Service was executed by Captain Staines, of His Majesty's Ship Cyane, assisted by the Esprit Sloop, and the British and Sicilian Gun-Boats. It is with regret I add, that in a subsequent intrepid Attack upon the Frigate and Corvette of the Enemy in the Bay, the above gallant Officer has received a Wound, which must for some Time deprive the Service of his Assistance.

The Amount of Prisoners who have fallen into our Hands, already exceeds One Thousand Five Hundred regular Troops, exclusive of their Killed and Wounded, both of Military and Marine, in different partial Encounters, which we have Reason to think are considerable. Among the Prisoners are a General of Brigade, two Colonels, and upwards of Seventy Officers of progressive Ranks.

Nearly One Hundred Pieces of Ordnance, with their corresponding Stores, have also become our Capture.

It is with much greater Satisfaction, however, my Lord, than any that can be derived from these local or momentary Advantages, that I contemplate our Success in the material and important Object of Diversion for which this Expedition was designed. A considerable Body of Troops which had been recently detached from Naples as a Reinforcement to the Army in Upper Italy, as well as almost the whole of the Troops which had been sent into the Roman States to aid the late Usurpation of the Papal Dominions, were precipitately recalled on our first Appearance on the Coast; and I venture to hope, that the Check which has been operated, and which I shall endeavour to preserve, will have already, though remotely, contributed to support the Efforts of our brave Allies.

The preponderating regular Force which the Enemy has now assembled in the Contiguity of Naples, aided by a large Body of National Guards, preclude the Hope, at this Moment, of any Attack upon

the Capital. But our Footing upon these healthy Islands, (which were essentially necessary to us as a temporary Lodgment as well as Dépôt,) in affording us the earliest Means of Information, is also a Position from which we can profit from Circumstance, or can move with Facility and Promptitude to ulterior Objects; while our Enemy, who are observing us from the unwholesome Plains of Baia, must be kept on the alert by the Uncertainty of our Operations, and harassed by the Necessity of corresponding with our every Movement.

A Flotilla of Gun-Boats, which I found it necessary to fit out at Messina to aid the Army in that narrow Streight, under the Direction of Captain Reade, of the Quarter-Master-General's Department, has acquired the Approbation of the Admiral by their Conduct upon this Service. Captain Cameron, of the 21st Regiment, who commanded a Division of these Boats, is unfortunately among the few who have fallen.

The Harmony and perfect Concert that have subsisted between the Naval and Military Branches upon this Duty, and between His Majesty's Forces and those of His Sicilian Majesty; the great Disposition to Concurrence and Support which I have received from Lieutenant-General Lord Forbes, and the other General Officers; the able Arrangements of the Adjutant-General's and the Quarter-Master-General's Departments under Major-General Campbell and Lieutenant-Colonel Bunbury, as well as those of the Ordnance Branches under Lieutenant-Colonels Bryce and Lemoine; the Providence of the Commissariat and Medical Departments under Mr. Burgman and Dr. Franklin; and the Zeal, Readiness, and Goodwill of the Army throughout, are the Means by which I am prepared to avail myself of Opportunities to prosecute further a Service, the Plans and Progress hitherto of which I humbly hope will meet His Majesty's most gracious Approbation.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. STUART.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION agreed on between Lieutenant-Colonel Lowe and Lieutenant S. Laurent, by Authority from Major-General Mac-Farlane, Commanding the Troops employed in the Attack of the Castle, on the Part of His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir John Stuart, K. B. and K. C. Count of Maida, and of Rear-Admiral Martin, commanding the respective Land and Naval Forces of Their Britannic and Sicilian Majesties on the Coast of Naples, and Major de la Nongarède and Lieutenant-Colonel Pedrinelli, on the Part of General of Brigade Colonna, Commanding the French Forces in the Castle of Ischia.

Art. I. The Garrison, as it is at present composed, of every Arm and of every Nation, shall march out on the 1st of July, with the Honours of War, and with Arms and Baggage.

Answer.—The Garrison will march out with the Honours of War within an Hour after the Capitulation has been ratified. They will lay down their Arms on the Causeway. The Officers will preserve their Arms and personal Effects.

Art. II. It shall take with it a Piece of Artillery drawn by Six Mules.

Answer.—Granted, on the same Condition with the other Arms.