

would surmount much greater Difficulties than they could present. I am, &c.

(Signed) COLLINGWOOD.

His Majesty's Ship Warrior, Bay of Zante, October 3, 1809.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you, for the Information of the Commander in Chief, that, in pursuance of His Lordship's Orders, I sailed from Messina on the 23d ultimo, in Company with the Sloop Philomel, two large Gun Boats, and the Transports, with Troops under the Command of Brigadier-General Oswald, and proceeded off Cephalonia, where we arrived on the 28th, and continued in Sight of the Island until the 1st of October, during which Days we were joined, as had been previously arranged, by the Spartan from Malta, and the Magnificent, Belle Poole, and Kingsfisher, from Corfu, and anchored that Night in the Bay of Zante, just without Reach of the nearest Battery.

At Day-light on the following Morning, the Troops assembled alongside the Warrior, and under Cover of the Spartan, Belle Poole, and Gun Boats, who soon silenced the Batteries, landed a Division of the Army in the most perfect Order, about Three Miles from the Town, and whilst General Oswald was advancing, Captains Brenton and Brisbane, and the Gun Boats, conducted by Mr. Cole, my First Lieutenant, were actively employed in keeping the Enemy, who had re-manned their Batteries, in Check, and covering the second Disembarkation, when the whole Army moved forward and closely invested the Castle, to which the French had retired from every Direction.

A Proclamation, herewith annexed, was in the Meantime distributed to the Inhabitants, explanatory of our Views, and finding, as was expected, that they rejoiced in the Expulsion of these common Disturbers of Mankind, I forbore attacking with the Ships a strong Battery on the Mole Head, which could not be taken without destroying a great Part of the Town; and have the Satisfaction of adding, that in the Course of the Day, the Enemy though advantageously situated in a most important and commanding Position, thought proper to capitulate on the Terms which I have the Honour to inclose.

I am, &c.

(Signed.) J. W. SPRANGER.

Rear Admiral Martin, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION to the Inhabitants of Cephalonia, Zante, and others of the Seven Islands.

IT having been represented to the Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Sea and Land Forces in the Mediterranean, that the Inhabitants of Cephalonia, Zante, and other of the Seven Islands, wearied and oppressed with the Violence and Exactions of the French Government, under which their Commerce has been annihilated, and their personal Freedom invaded, are desirous to shake off the Yoke; their Excellencies Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, K. B. and Lieutenant-General Sir John Stuart, Count of Maida, K. B., &c. commanding in Chief the respective Sea and Land Forces, have directed such Aid to be given as may enable them to expel their present Oppressors, and re-establish a free and independent Government, with the un-

controlled Exercise of their Religious, Civil, and Commercial Rights.

The Undersigned commanding the Division of His Majesty's Sea and Land Forces, charged with the Execution of this interesting and important Duty, call therefore on the Inhabitants of all Ranks to come forward, and share in the glorious Labour of expelling the common Enemy.

We present ourselves to you, Inhabitants of Cephalonia, not as Invaders, with Views of Conquest; but as Allies who hold forth to you the Advantages of British Protection, in the Freedom and Extension of your Commerce, and the general Prosperity of your Island: Contrast these obvious Advantages with the Privations you have laboured under, since you were passed over from the Yoke of Russia to that of France, and deprived at one Blow of your Independence as a Nation, and of your Rights of Freedom as Men.

We demand of you no Exertions but such as are necessary for your own Liberation, no other Aid than what reciprocal Advantage requires.

Hostility, whether shown in Acts of Opposition towards us, or in Aid to the Enemy, must of course be repressed; but no Retrospect will be made to the Errors of the past, no other Distinctions suffered than what results from present Opportunities of Zeal, Courage, and Patriotism.

Given under our Hands on board His Majesty's Ship Warrior, in Zante Roads, this 2d October 1809.

(Signed) By Brigadier-General OSWALD, commanding a Division of His Majesty's Forces, and

J. D. SPRANGER, Captain of the Warrior, and Senior Naval Officer.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION agreed upon between Lieutenant-Colonel Lowe, on the Part of Brigadier General Oswald, commanding a Division of His Britannic Majesty's Forces, and of Captain Spranger, commanding a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in the Liberation of the Island of Zante, and the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the French Garrison in the Castle of the said Island. Zante, 2d October 1809.

Art. I. THE French Garrison will march out with the Honours of War, and be considered as Prisoners of War, to be exchanged whenever Circumstances will permit.

Art. II. The Officers will retain their Swords and private Property, the Men their Packs.

Art. III. All public Property appertaining in any way to the French Government, will be delivered up to the Officers charged to receive it; this includes all Plans and Official Papers of the Artillery and Engineer Department.

Art. IV. The Persons in Civil Employment of the French Government will be considered on the same Footing as the Military.

Art. V. The Sick left by the French Garrison will be taken care of, by a Medical Officer to be left by them for that Purpose.

VI. The upper Part of the Castle will be occupied forthwith by a Detachment of British Troops. The French Garrison will march out at 9 o'Clock, and, after having laid down their Arms, will be conducted