

ant Q. B. M. General, who having been the Staff Officer principally with me, and having much exerted himself, well deserves at my Hands being named to your Excellency.

I have purposely reserved for a separate Statement the Expression of the Admiration and Gratitude I feel towards those Officers of the Royal Navy, whom Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane was pleased to select for the Purpose of co-operating in that Branch of the general Service, which your Excellency entrusted to me.

The Arrangements of Commodore Ballard for our Landing, were not only ably made, but successfully executed; and after our Landing the Continuance of his cordial and zealous Support was unceasing.

In bringing up the Ordnance to our advanced Positions Captains Ballard, Stanfell, Elliott, Flynn, and many other Officers, rendered the most effectual Service; and though their Exertions, I really think, were almost unparalleled, such was the Spirit the Zeal, and the Energy of these gallant Officers, and their brave Men, they made light of Difficulties, Obstacles, and Labours, which would have dispirited and overcome any but British Seamen.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

G. HARCOURT, Brigadier-General,
commanding 2d Division.

To His Excellency Sir G. Beckwith, K. B.
Commander of the Forces.

No. 4.

S I R, *Mourne Houël, Feb. 5, 1810.*

THOUGH your Excellency is fully acquainted with the Result of Yesterday's Action between the Reserve and the Enemy, I should not do Justice to the Conduct of the Troops under my Command did I not point out to your Excellency the Particulars of an Action, in which the Courage and Coolness of British Soldiers was perhaps never more conspicuously displayed.

Soon after your Excellency had given me Instructions for forcing the Passage of the River de la Pere, I found an intelligent Guide, who promised at the Forfeiture of his own Life to lead my Brigade across the River, at less than Half the Distance of the original intended Route, but the Road so difficult, it would be necessary to pass it in the Day-Time; as therefore no Time was to be lost, I decided upon an immediate Attack, encouraged the more to this Plan as there was a Diversion against the Enemy, who at this Time was engaged with another Division of the Army in an opposite Direction.

The Brigade was in Motion about Four o'Clock, Major Henderson at the Head of the Royal York Rangers; Major Edden with the Grenadier Battalion was directed to make a Diversion to the Left, and to avail himself of any Opportunity that might offer to force the Bridge, agreeable to your Excellency's Intention. The Detachment of Artillery, ordered to take Advantage of any favourable Circumstance that might occur, myself and Staff accompanied the Royal York Rangers; we proceeded to the Banks of the River without meeting any Resistance from the Enemy but a few random Shot and Shell. The Pass of the River de la Pere was by Nature most difficult, and was made still more so by Abbatis lined with Troops, and every possible Obstruction thrown in our Way. Here it was the

Enemy first opened their Fire of Musketry; but our brave Troops, superior to all Difficulties, soon forced this Passage. Having passed the River, we continued our March for about 100 Yards through rugged Rocks and Bushes, when the front Companies branched off into three Columns, rapidly ascending the Heights, the three leading Companies reserving their Fire till they gained the same, the Remainder firing to their Flanks on the Enemy, but still following the Van; as we approached the Summit of the Height, the Ascent became more difficult, and about 500 of the Enemy's best Troops poured down on us a most destructive Fire.

Major Henderson, with the Three Companies who first ascended the Heights, found the Enemy posted behind Abbatis and stockaded Redoubts. This intrepid Officer did not return the Fire of the Enemy till within about Twenty-five Yards Distance, and immediately closed with them, followed by the rest of the Regiment, and in a few Minutes completely routed them; it was about One Hour and a Half from our being first engaged with the Enemy, after the Passage of the River, to their complete Dispersion, during which Time it was impossible for Troops to shew more cool and undaunted Courage, than was exhibited upon that Occasion by that gallant Regiment the Royal York Rangers, to every Individual of which I feel highly indebted for the Success of the Day; and as your Excellency was an Eye-Witness to the Difficulties they surmounted, I need not say more upon the Subject; and when all behaved well it would be invidious to distinguish particular Merit. Major Henderson was wounded and disabled from further Service by a Ball in the Breast in close Contact with the Enemy. Being myself afterwards disabled, the Command would have devolved on that gallant Officer Captain Stark, had he not, with Capt. Darling, also been wounded about the same Time. I understand, by the Exertions of Captains Sutherland and Mathewson, the Regiment was formed and prepared to advance in the Morning, to carry into Effect your Excellency's Plan of forcing the Passes of the Bridge, to the Success of which you were an Eye-Witness.

To the Staff of my Brigade I feel much indebted. Brigade-Major Brareton was amongst the foremost in the Attack, and continued with them all Night. Captain Grey, Assistant Quarter and Barrack-Master-General was also most actively employed till disabled by a Wound near the Close of the Action.

I have sincerely to regret the Loss of many brave Officers and Soldiers, killed and wounded; the Return of which, as far as can at present be collected, I have the Honour to enclose.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) C. WALE, Brigadier-General.
To Lieutenant-General Sir Geo. Beckwith, K. B.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 5.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION between His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir George Beckwith, Knight of the Bath, Commander of His Britannic Majesty's Land Forces, and Vice-Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane, Knight of the Bath, Commander in Chief of His Britannic Ma-