

*Extract of a Letter from Commodore Napier, of Her Majesty's ship Powerful, to Admiral, the Honourable Sir Robert Stopford, G. C. B. — Dated D'journie, Head Quarters of the Army of Lebanon, 16th September, 1840.*

IN execution of your order of the 9th inst. I removed the whole of the Turkish troops from the transports and the marines of the squadron into the steamers. The Dido and Wasp took up an anchorage well up to Beyrout point, in order to draw Soliman Pasha's attention from the position I intended to disembark at. Soon after daylight, the squadron and steamers you had put under my orders weighed, the Turkish squadron, under Admiral Walker, weighed also, and the whole, with the exception of Zebra, who flanked the Egyptian camp, worked up to Beyrout point, where a considerable force of the enemy was in position.

When the breeze freshened, the whole bore up for D'journie, "Castor" and "Hydra," anchored close to Dog River, landed the Turkish troops, and completely blocked up the pass leading to D'journie.

The Powerful and Pique, Gorgon, Cyclops, and Phoenix, followed by the Turkish squadron, ran into the bay of D'journie, and landed the troops in an incredibly short time, owing to the excellent arrangement of Captain Reynolds, who took charge of the landing. Admiral Walker put his troops on shore at the same moment with great celerity and order; a position was then taken up, and the artillery landed, the few Albanians stationed here retired without firing a shot. The Carysfort and Dido went off D'jebel about three leagues to the northward, to act against a strong tower, garrisoned by Albanian troops.

D'journie is a good sized bay, with a promontory projecting considerably into the sea. A road from Beyrout lays along the shore, and is practicable for infantry, artillery, and cavalry; this road the "Revenge" covered. The road from Tripoli leads also along shore, and the Wasp and Phoenix covered a gorge, over which it would be necessary to pass. Two roads lead from Balbec by Antura, where an excellent position was taken up by two battalions of Turks, supported by five companies of marines. The left of this is protected by an impassable gorge; the right rests on the sea, Dog River separating it from high ground in front.

The first day the inhabitants who had been driven into the mountains, came in slowly for arms, but these few took them with great avidity, and hastened to the mountains to drive away the Emir Bechir's troops, and open the mountain passes,—this done, the mountaineers have flocked in in great numbers, with the Sheiks, who have crowded to the standard of the Sultan.

I beg to enclose Captain Martin's reports\* of the occupation of D'jebel and Patroun, in which he speaks highly of Captain Austin, of the Cyclops, and of the officers employed.

I regret the loss he met with; † it was not to be avoided. Many Albanians have suffered by their severity. The inhabitants of this city are most warlike and determined.

\* See my letter No. 99, 15th September.

† These returns have not been received.

Ibrahim Pasha reconnoitred our positions the day before yesterday.

I have sent a battalion of Turks in advance of Gazer to open the country, and give due notice. Should he endeavour to turn our left by that road, which he will have some difficulty in doing, as the country is covered by the broadsides of the ships.

I have much reason to be satisfied with the zeal of the whole of the officers and seamen employed: their exertions in completing our lines under Mr. Aldridge, of the Engineers, is beyond all praise.

Permit me, Sir, to congratulate you on the first success of the army of Lebanon. You, yesterday, were witness of the arrival of His Highness the Emir Abdallah, the Governor of the district of Kisroonan, and of the enthusiasm of the mountaineers; and if this continues, I have every reason to think that the Egyptian army will be obliged to retire from the sea coast, and the mountains of Lebanon.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CHARLES NAPIER,  
Commodore.

*Extract of a Dispatch from Captain Martin, of Her Majesty's Ship Carysfort, to Admiral the Honourable Sir Robert Stopford. Dated Gebail, 15th September 1840.*

I HAVE received information that 500 Albanian troops occupy the town of Batroun, about ten miles to the north of Gebail; and the mountaineers who gave me the intelligence, say they are willing to attack the place, if supported by the fire of some ships.

I am therefore about to proceed there, towed by the Cyclops, who takes up about 250 of the mountaineers, to be landed in the neighbourhood.

Large bodies of men whom we have armed have returned to the mountains, as they say, for the purpose of blockading an Emir who has shut himself up in a convent with several hundred men. I hope, under any circumstances, to be able to return to Gebail to-night.

*Extract of a Dispatch from Captain Martin, of Her Majesty's ship Carysfort, to Admiral the Honourable Sir Robert Stopford, dated Batroun, September 15th, 1840.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you that at three, 30 p.m. I anchored within musket shot of Batroun, having been towed from Gebail by Her Majesty's steam-vessel Cyclops. By this time the 250 mountaineers who were embarked on board the Cyclops had been armed and organized under the zealous and able direction of Captain Austen on approaching Batroun, we observed bodies of Albanians in different parts of the town apparently preparing for defence, and the positions of the Carysfort and Cyclops were taken up with a view to forcing them from their strong holds. The Carysfort and Cyclops commenced firing with great effect, whilst the Cyclops' shells were searching the spots where the Albanians from time to time halted. The 250 mountaineers whom we had armed were landed by the Carysfort's boats, under Lieutenant Stephens, the Hastings' boats