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*Gibraltar, Febr. 20. N.S.*

THE Enemy having received a considerable Reinforcement, commanded by Lieutenant-General Thouy, among which were 18 Companies of Granadiers that came from Galicia, the Marquis de Villadarias was encouraged to attempt an assault upon the Round Tower, in hopes that it he had been able to make a Lodgment there, that Hill commanding the Town, he would have distressed it before the Arrival of the Marshal de Tefse; but having received Intelligence by some Deferters of our Disposition, he made a false Attack upon the Round Tower on the 2d Instant with 50 Granadiers, to try how practicable it was to assault the Breach: They came on with a great deal of Resolution, but were soon beaten back to their nearest Trenches with the Loss of two Officers and some Soldiers. In the afternoon it began to rain very hard, and continued to do so all that night, and the day following, which filled the Enemy's Trenches with Water. The 4th a Vessel arrived here from Barcelona, with divers Ministers and Catalans on board, who came to enter themselves in his Catholick Majesty's Service.

The Enemy having prepared all things for their intended Attack, began it the 7th by break of day with 600 Granadiers, French Walloons, all chosen Men, commanded by Lieutenant-General Douy, and supported by 1000 Spaniards. The Enemy's Batteries having made a Breach near the Round Tower, Capt. Bennet, our chief Engineer, had cast up a Work that secured it; and joining to the Rock above the Breach, there was a part of the old Wall yet standing, which Posts were guarded at night by a Captain, 3 Subalterns, and 90 Men; but at break of day (as usual in Garrisons where the Duty is hard) the Captain with 60 Men draws off the Hill, and stays in the Round Tower all day, to direct the Officer and Soldiers that remain above at the Beach. The Round Tower is guarded by 180 Men, commanded by a Lieutenant-Colonel and other Officers.

Of this Disposition the Enemy having Intelligence by some Deferters as aforesaid, mounted the Hill with great Silence, and lay concealed in the Cliffs and hollow Ground, till such time as the Captain with his Party was drawn off; then 300 of them got at the foot of the Wall, and throwing Granadoes down on the Lieutenant and his Party, obliged them to quit their Post. At the same time 200 Granadiers stormed the Round Tower, where Colonel Douy made a very good Defence, though the Enemy got above the Breach, and threw great Stones and Granadoes upon his Men: But his wife who had got in at the Wall marching down to cut off the least into the Town, obliged him and his Men to get over the parapet of the Line, and to retire into the Covered-way, where the English Guards were posted. The Enemy had possessed themselves of some of our Works, and were to have made a Lodgment on this side of the Round Tower; but being eager to pursue the Advantage they had gained, they neglected fortifying themselves; and pushed forwards towards the Gate that leads into the Line of Communication to the Tower; which mistake of theirs did in a great measure contribute to the overthrowing of their whole Design.

The Alarm being by this time got through the whole Garrison, all the Officers and Soldiers ran to their respective Posts. Captain Fisher, of the Marines, charged the foremost of the Enemy with seventeen Men; but his small Party was soon routed, and himself taken Prisoner. Colonel Moncall, Major of my Lord Barrymore's Regiment, with some other Officers, having soon after got together a Body of about 4 or 500 Men, marched into the Line that leads to the Round Tower, and charged the Enemy so vigorously with sword in hand; that he drove them from place to place quite out of the Round Tower, and retook that Post, after it had been in their hands, and Captain Fisher was retaken. Colonel Rivers, of the Guards, having got up the Rock on the Right of the Covered-way with 20 Granadiers, favoured very much Colonel Moncall's Success.

The whole Garrison being by this time got together, made so furious a Fire, that the Enemy was at last obliged to retire in great Confusion: A Captain of Granadiers, 4 Lieutenants, and 40 of their Men, were taken Prisoners, and about 70 were killed on the spot; above half of them Officers, and upwards of 200 were wounded: The Enemy acknowledge that they have suffered most in this Action, and that it fell very heavy upon those Companies of Granadiers that lately came from Galicia. They bear a Party about 1000 and desired Leave to carry away their dead, which was granted: We had in this Action about 27 Men killed, and 120 wounded, and Captain Fisher was a second time taken Prisoner.

The next day the Prince of Hesse Darmstadt being, with several Officers, upon a new Battery of 12 Guns which he had ordered to be erected, Colonel Moncall, who was with him, lost a Leg by a Cannon Shot, which killed a Spanish Officer, and wounded 5 other Persons.

On the 12th Instant the Marshal de Tefse arrived in the Enemy's Camp, whose Reinforcement, besides the 18 Companies of Granadiers abovementioned consists of 4 Battalions of Foot; yet we find them not since his Arrival more vigorous, or our Men less resolute, than before: On the contrary, whereas the Enemy had of late used to throw in 150 or 200 Bombs of a night, and pined us very warmly from their Batteries, though with little Success, since this last Action they have been very quiet, and have spent their time only in repairing their Trenches, which the Cannon of the Town, and the great Rains, have much injured.

The 9th the Tartar Pink and the Newport came in with Supplies from Lisbon.

The 13th Instant the Tartar and the Newport sailed to the Eastward, and met in their way with two Foreign Ships, which they brought in hither, on suspicion of their having Contraband Goods.

The 15th the Tartar and Newport sailed again to the Eastward.

The 16th the Leopard and Rocbuck arrived here, having on board 6 Companies of the Dutch Battalion which were wanting, and two Engineers, with several Necessaries for the Garrison.

The 17th two Dutch Privateers came into our Bay.

The 18th in the evening the Tyger, with a Transport-ship, arrived here from Lisbon, having on board a Supply of Men and Ammunition.

The 19th a Captain came from the Enemy with a Flag of Truce, to agree upon the Exchange of Prisoners, and we sent what we had along with him; the Captain we had taken was exchanged for Captain Fisher.

Colonel Gonzalez, a Spaniard, hath been shot to Death, for corresponding with the Enemy: One Hopper, and one Brown, the first a Lawyer, and the other a Merchant, have been put out of the Town, with Halters about their Necks, for the same Crime.

*Lisbon, Febr. 24. O.S.* An Express arrived the 14th Instant at Lagos from Gibraltar, with an Account, that the new Battery of 12 large Guns was finished; and that the 30 Coehorn Mortars, lately sent to the Garrison from hence, did much Damage to the Enemy's Works, which are for the most part made up of Gabions and Fascines. Several Walloons and Catalans are lately come over from the Enemy, who all say, that the Enemy have sown 22 of their Cannon to pieces, for the better Conveniency of carrying them away, and had drawn off two Mortars.

By an Express from Gibraltar of the 15th which came in two days ago, we have Advice, That Monsieur Pointi is come into the Bay with a Squadron of 14 Men of War and two Fire-ships, and came to an Anchor near Old Gibraltar, in order to get out of our Fleet should surprise them. However the Garrison was not at all disheartened but, on the contrary, all things were well disposed to give the Enemy a warm Reception, if they venture upon another Assault, which is expected; but if they fail of Success therein, it is believed the Enemy's Squadron will not continue there; for the Deferters all agree, that the general Discourse among them is about raising the Siege, and making a Line at the head of their Camp, to hinder the Garrison from making Excursions into the Country: The Supplies of Men, Stores and Ammunition, that had been sent them from hence, are all safely arrived, which will be power enough to defend the Place.

Our Fleet is fitting out with all possible Expedition to sail to Gibraltar: It will consist of 14 English, 4 Dutch and 4, if not 6, Portuguese Men of War, all of the Line of Battle, and of what Privateers came be got ready, particularly 3 Dutch Privateers, one of them of 40 Guns; and (as it is hoped) will be ready to put to Sea in two days time.

A Portuguese Regiment of 1000 Men, the Lord Mountjoy's Regiment, and a Dutch Battalion, are to go on board the Fleet, which together make about 2200 Men.

The Earl of Galway goes next week to the Frontiers of Alentejo, where the Forces of which our Army is to be composed are drawing together, in order to go upon some Enterprize; now that the Enemy have brought down the best of their Forces before Gibraltar, and seem to employ their thoughts chiefly upon this Siege.

*Venice, Febr. 27.* The French and Spaniards continue the Blockade of Mirandola; but the Garrison is not yet in want of any Necessaries, being frequently supplied from the Ferrareze, and their Spirits kept up with the hopes of being succoured by the Army that is shortly expected from Germany to join the Duke of Savoy, or make a powerful Diversion in his Favour. Letters from Modena give an Account of an Insurrection in that Duchy against the French, about 800 of the Inhabitants of Gragnana having taken up Arms, who may probably be joined by greater numbers. Letters from Rome say, that the Queen Dowager of Poland is gone from thence towards Gratz in Sirlia, where she expects to meet the Electress of Bavaria her Daughter.