

I certify the above to be a true Copy; and that since the Landing of the British Forces, and previous to the Surrender of Ciudadella on the 16th Instant, nearly Three Hundred Deserters have come over to the British Army.

Rd. STEWART, Agent General.

N. B. The Corps composing the Spanish Force in this Island are as follows: viz. Regiment of Valencia, 3 Battalions.—Swiss Regiment of Ruttiman, 2 Battalions.—Swiss Regiment of Yann, 1 Battalion.—A Detachment of the Dragons of Numancia:—and a Detachment of Artillery.

*Admiralty Office, December 23, 1798.*

LEUTENANT JONES, of His Majesty's Ship Leviathan, arrived here this Afternoon with a Dispatch from Admiral the Earl of St. Vincent to Mr. Nepean, of which the following is a Copy:

SIR, *Le Souverain, Gibraltar, Dec. 6, 1798.*

I inclose the Copy of a Letter from Commodore Duckworth, with other Documents relating to the Conquest of the Island of Minorca; upon which important Event I request you will congratulate the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Lieutenant Jones, First of the Leviathan, is the Bearer of this Dispatch, who, from the Report of Commodore Duckworth, and my own Observation while my Flag was on board that Ship, is highly deserving their Lordships Favor and Protection.

I am, Sir, &c. &c.

ST. VINCENT.

*Leviathan, off Fournelles, Minorca,  
19th November 1798.*

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of your Lordships Instructions to me of the 18th and 20th of October, I proceeded with the Ships under my Orders, and the Troops under the Command of the Honorable General Charles Stuart, to the Rendezvous off the Colombrettes; and after having been joined by His Majesty's Sloop Peterell, and the Arrangements for landing had been completed, on the 5th in the Afternoon I stood for Minorca, but in consequence of light Winds, I did not make that Island till Day-break on the 7th, then within Five Miles of the Port of Fournelles, where finding the Wind directly out of that Harbour, and the Enemy prepared for our Reception, I (having previously consulted the General) made the Signal for Captain Bowen, of the Argo, accompanied by the Cormorant and Aurora to assist in covering the Landing, to lead into the Creek of Addaya, there not being Water or

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Space enough for the Line of Battle Ships, which he executed in a most Officer-like and judicious Manner: And in hauling round the Northern Point, a Battery of Four 12 Pounders fired One Gun, but on seeing the Broadside, the Enemy left it, blowing up their Magazines, and spiking the Guns, when the Transports were got in without Damage, though there was scarcely Room for stowing them in Tiers. During this Service, which was rapidly executed, the Leviathan and Centaur plied on and off Fournelles, to divert the Attention of the Enemy; but knowing an expeditious Landing to be our greatest Object, as soon as I observed the Transports were nearly in the Creek, I bore away, and anchored with the Leviathan and Centaur off its Entrance, to see that Service performed. One Battalion was put on Shore by Eleven o'Clock, and directly took the Height, which proved fortunate, as the Enemy very quickly appeared in Two Divisions, One of which was marching down towards the Battery before-mentioned, when I ordered the covering Ships to commence a Cannonade, which effectually checked their Progress, and the General kept them at Bay with the Troops he had; and by Six o'Clock in the Afternoon the Whole were on Shore, with Eight 6 Pounders, Field Pieces, and Eight Days Provisions, as also Two Howitzers. On the same Evening, after ordering the Cormorant and Aurora to proceed off Port Mahon, with Seven Transports, to form a Diversion, I got under Weigh with the Leviathan and Centaur, and turned up to Fournelles with an Intent to force the Harbour; but on my entering the Passage I found the Enemy had evacuated the Forts, and the Wind throwing out caused me to anchor, when I made the Centaur's Signal, (which was following me) to haul off, landed the Marines of the Leviathan, took Possession of Two Forts of Four Guns each, and One of Six: But soon after the General requesting I would not enter this Port, I ordered Captain Digby to embark the Marines, and to put to Sea, and cruize under the Command of Captain Markham, who was employed in covering the Port of Fournelles and Addaya, and preventing Succour being thrown in, whilst my Pendant was hoisted on board the Argo, where I continued Two Days, aiding and directing the necessary Supplies for the Army. In this I was ably assisted by Captain Bowen. During these Two Days, I visited Head-Quarters to consult with the General, when it was decided, as the Anchorage at Addaya was extremely hazardous, and the Transports in hourly Risque of being lost, to remove them to Fournelles, which was executed under