

that he would give strict Orders for it to cease during the Suspension of Hostilities. On the 2d Instant I received a Letter, No. 6., from General Barquier, respecting the Movement of the Troops to Saint Carlos, which had been occupied on the 30th Ultimo, when his Overture for Negotiation was rejected; answered by No. 7. On the 3d the Commissioners for the Capitulation met; those on the Part of the French having declared that their Instructions were positively not to consent to surrender, which I also understood by Prisoners and intercepted Letters, and as I did not conceive myself justifiable in admitting any other Terms, the Meeting adjourned until a Communication could be had with the Commander of the Naval Forces.

In consequence of bad Weather, the Answer was not received until the 6th Instant, which perfectly coincided with my Opinion as to the only Terms that could be granted to the Enemy. I was also informed that the River Huna had overflowed its Banks, and we were thus separated from the greater Part of the Ordnance Stores and our Provisions, which further determined me to bring the Matter to immediate Issue, as I rated to Captain Cumby, and requested that Co-operation in armed Seamen, Ammunition, and Provisions, which I found him ever ready most cordially to afford.

With humble Submission to the Almighty Disposer of Events, full Confidence in a just Cause and British Hearts to maintain it, I wrote the Letter, No. 8, to be delivered to General Barquier, on the French Garrison again refusing to lay down their Arms, and immediately made the following Disposition:

The first Brigade under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Horsford, who preferred that Command to the Duty of Deputy-Adjutant General.

The Second Brigade under Major Curry of the 54th Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth of the 55th Regiment, a valuable Officer, not having joined, by the Diego Transport in which he was embarked being a bad Sailer, and whose Absence I would have greatly regretted, as well as the excellent Officers and Men with him, had the expected Engagement taken place. On firing the First Gun from the Enemy, the Reserve to be formed of the Royal Irish and 54th Grenadiers; Fifty Men of the 2d West India Regiment, and the same Number of the Porto Rico Regiment, as this Body had sufficient Cover, as long as the Walls of the Church and my Quarters remained, upon which above Twenty Guns and One Mortar bore at the Distance of Three Hundred and Eighty-eight Yards. I directed Brigadier-General French, a most active and zealous Officer, to take up a Position at a Hollow about One Hundred and Fifty Paces Distant in my Rear; and should the Garrison attempt a Sortie upon the Reserve to wait their close Approach, charge Bayonets, and follow them into the City. Had the Enemy remained within the Gates, false Attacks and Feints at different Points were to be made during the Night; and, scaling Ladders being prepared, a general Assault was to take place in open Day, the first favourable Opportunity, a Lodgement effected upon the Baitions, but the Troops not to enter the Streets until further Orders.

During this Hour of Suspense under Arms, the only Sentation perceptible was Impatience for Attack, and the Countenance of every British Soldier, at that interesting Period, depicted a resolute De-

termination to plant the Glory of England with the Points of their Bayonets upon the fortified Walls of St. Domingo. The Hour having expired, I sent my Military Secretary, Captain Twigg, to know the Reason the White Flag was continued after the Time had elapsed, and not any Answer returned to my Letter? He met at the Gate Lieutenant Colonel Myers, announcing that the Ultimatum had been agreed upon, and the Garrison consented to lay down their Arms as Prisoners of War.

I also detached Major Walker of the Royal Irish with the Three Light Companies of the Royal Irish, 54th, and 55th Regiments of Foot, to Fort Jerome, a very strong Fortress, about Two Miles West of the City, with Orders, on the Commencement of the Action, to force the Gate with a Field-Piece, and Storm by the Sally Port, the Walls being too high for Escalade. Upon his Summons, Captain Gillerman, who had no Provisions but Biscuit left, gave the Answer of a brave Soldier, that he would abide the Fate of the City.

The Honour of His Majesty's Arms, my Lord, has been maintained without the Loss of One British Soldier, by Shot or Sickness, or having Recourse to that glorious, but at the same Time, deplorable Resource, the Assault of a populous City. When it is considered the Courage and persevering Fortitude of the French Garrison, with their Superiority of Position and Numbers, I trust His Majesty will not disapprove of the Measures taken for the Reduction, the Magnitude of the Object obtained, and the Terms granted to the Enemy; and which will be delivered to your Lordship by my Military Secretary Captain Twigg, of the 54th Regiment, to whom I beg Leave to refer for further Information, and earnestly recommend him as an Officer deserving such Mark of Favour as His Majesty may be graciously pleased to confer.

I have, my Lord, now a further most gratifying Duty to perform, that of making known to His Majesty the most zealous and indefatigable Exertions of the following Officers:—Brigadier-General French, second in Command—Lieutenant-Colonel Horsford, commanding the First Brigade, Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, commanding the Royal Artillery, whose Abilities and unwearied Attention surmounted uncommon Difficulties—Lieutenant Colonel Myers, Deputy-Quarter-Master-General and Commissioner, to arrange the Articles of Capitulation.

The prominent Situation of those Officers afforded me a constant Experience of their Zeal, Abilities, and Anxiety for the most honourable Termination of the Enterprize; and which Sentiments, I can assure your Lordship, actuated every Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, and Soldier upon the Expedition.

It would be Ingratitude in me, my Lord, were I to omit stating, in the strongest possible Terms, the cordial Co-operation, as I have already noticed, and efficient Aid the Army received from Captain Cumby, commanding His Majesty's Squadron before the City, who also landed two Officers, Lieutenants Denman and Sheriff, with a Detachment of Seamen who were of infinite Service, and cheerfully underwent the most severe Fatigue and Labour.

It is impossible for me to pass over in Silence, the very great Assistance I received from William Walton Jun. Esquire, an English Gentleman, who for-