

self to mentioning only the conduct of those belonging to the naval department, yet I may be excused for venturing further to state to you generally the high admiration with which I viewed the conduct of the whole army, and the ability and gallantry with which it was managed and headed by its brave Colonel, which insured to it the success it met with.

The night being fast approaching and the troops much fatigued, Colonel Brook determined on remaining for the night on the field of battle; and on the morning of the 13th, leaving a small guard at the Meeting House to collect and protect the wounded, we again moved forward towards Baltimore, on approaching which it was found to be defended by extremely strong works on every side, and immediately in front of us by an extensive hill, on which was an entrenched camp, and great quantities of artillery, and the information we collected, added to what we observed, gave us to believe there were at least within their works from 15 to 20,000 men. Colonel Brook lost no time in reconnoitering these defences, after which he made his arrangement for storming, during the ensuing night, with his gallant little army, the entrenched camp in our front, notwithstanding all the difficulties which it presented. The subsequent communications which we opened with you, however, induced him to relinquish again the idea, and therefore yesterday morning the army retired leisurely to the Meeting House, where it halted for some hours to make the necessary arrangements respecting the wounded and the prisoners taken on the 12th, which being completed, it made a further short movement in the evening towards the place where it had disembarked, and where it arrived this morning for re-embarkation, without suffering the slightest molestation from the enemy, who, in spite of his superiority of number, did not even venture to look at us during this slow and deliberate retreat.

As you, Sir, were in person with the advanced frigates, sloops, and bomb-vessels, and as, from the road the army took, I did not see them after quitting the beach, it would be superfluous for me to make any report to you respecting them. I have now, therefore, only to assure you of my entire satisfaction and approbation of the conduct of every officer and man employed under me, during the operations above detailed, and to express to you how particularly I consider myself indebted to Captain Edward Crofton (acting Captain of the Royal Oak,) for the gallantry, ability, and zeal with which he led on the brigade of seamen in the action of the 12th, and executed all the other services with which he has been intrusted since our landing; to Capt. White, (acting Captain of the Albion) who attended me as my Aid-de-Camp the whole time, and rendered me every possible assistance, to Captains Sullivan, Money, and Ramsay, who commanded divisions of the Brigade of Seamen, to Lieutenant James Scott of the Albion, whom I have had such frequent cause to mention to you on former occasions, and who in the battle of the 12th commanded a division of seamen, and behaved most gallantly, occasionally also acting as an extra Aid-de-camp to myself. Captain Robyns, who commanded the Marines of the Fleet, and who was severely wounded during the engagement, I also beg

to recommend to your favourable notice and consideration, as well as Lieutenant George C. Urnston, of the Albion, whom I placed in command of the smaller boats, to endeavour to keep up a communication between the army and navy, which he effected by great perseverance, and thereby rendered us most essential service. In short, Sir, every individual seemed animated with equal anxiety to distinguish himself by good conduct on this occasion, and I trust therefore the whole will be deemed worthy of your approbation.

Captain Nourse of the Severn, was good enough to receive my flag for this service; he rendered me great assistance in getting the ships to the different stations within the river, and when the storming of the fortified hill was contemplated, he hastened to my assistance with a reinforcement of seamen and marines; and I should consider myself wanting in candour and justice did I not particularly point out, Sir, to you, the high opinion I entertain of the enterprize and ability of this valuable officer, not only for his conduct on this occasion, but on the very many others on which I have employed him, since with me in the Chesapeake.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c.

GEORGE COCKBURN,
Rear-Admiral.

*Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander
Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief,*
&c. &c. &c.

*On board His Majesty's Ship, Tonnant,
September 15, 1814.*

DEAR SIR,

I beg leave to be allowed to state to you, how much I feel indebted to Captain Crofton, commanding the brigade of sailors from His Majesty's ships under your command, as also to Captains Sullivan, Money, and Ramsay, for their very great exertions in performing every formation made by His Majesty's troops; having seen myself those officers expose themselves in the hottest of the enemy's fire, to keep their men in line of march with the disciplined troops. The obedient and steady conduct of the sailors, believe me, Sir, excited the admiration of every individual of the army, as well as my greatest gratitude.

Believe me to be,

Dear Sir,

(Signed) ARTHUR BROOKE,
Colonel Commanding.

*Vice-Admiral The Hon. Sir A. Cochrane, K. B.
Commander-in-Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*A Return of Killed and Wounded belonging to the
Navy, disembarked with the Army under Major-
General Ross, September 12, 1814.*

Tonnant—1 petty officer, 5 seamen, 3 marines, wounded.
Albion—3 seamen killed; 1 petty officer, 3 seamen, 6 marines, wounded.
Ramillies—2 marines killed; 4 petty officers, 6 seamen, 4 marines, wounded.
Diadem—1 officer, 2 seamen, wounded.
Melpomene—1 petty officer killed.