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*Admiralty, October 7, 1840.*

**D**ISPATCHES, of which the following are copies or extracts, have been this day received at this Office, addressed to Richard More O'Ferrall, Esq. by Admiral the Honourable Sir Robert Stopford, G. C. B. Commander in Chief of Her Majesty's ships and vessels in the Mediterranean:

*Extract of a Dispatch from Admiral the Honourable Sir Robert Stopford, to R. M. O'Ferrall, Esq. dated Princess Charlotte, D'jounie Bay, near Beyrout, September 29, 1840.*

I ARRIVED off Beyrout on the morning of the 9th, where I found Commodore Napier with the ships and vessels named in the margin\*.

The Turkish expedition, under Rear-Admiral Walker, of the Ottoman navy, joined at the same time from Cyprus, consisting of a line of battle ship, two frigates, and two corvettes, with twenty-four transports, carrying five thousand three hundred and seventy-three troops, commanded by Selim Pasha.

Commodore Napier, having previously examined the coast and selected a position, accompanied by Lieutenant Aldridge, of the Engineers (for I lament to say Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles Smith has been so extremely ill since his arrival as to incapacitate him for any active duty), I directed the Commodore to complete his plans and arrangements; and the same night the marines were removed to the steamers, and the whole, amounting to about seven thousand Turks and allies, were in readiness to land in the morning; when after manœuvring some time before Beyrout, lined with Egyptian troops, in order to distract their attention, the Commodore hastened to the point of disembarkation, and succeeded without opposition or accident of any kind.

\* Powerful, Ganges, Edinburgh, Revenge, Beuhow, Pique, Pogon, S. V., Hydra, S. V.

For a more minute detail of this operation I must refer you to the Commodore's letter of the 16th, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Great praise is due to Commodore Napier, whose indefatigable zeal and activity in securing his position were well seconded by the officers and men under his command.

In order to protect the landing, and insure the safety of the troops exposed to a sudden attack of an overwhelming force till the requisite defences were completed, I found it necessary to occupy the attention of the Egyptian army, which made a formidable appearance in armed masses along the hedges, and under cover of the gardens, and broken ground between the town and the sea, and opened a fire upon them from the shipping, taking care to avoid injuring the town, while the Austrian frigate *Guerriera*, commanded by His Royal Highness Prince Charles Frederic, Lipsia covette, and Her Majesty's brig *Zebra*, took up a commanding position in St George's Bay, enfilading the road by the beach, covering the bridge conducting to it, and drove the Egyptians from their encampment on the landside of the town.

On the forenoon of the 11th, a letter was sent by Rear-Admiral Baudiera and myself, in the name of the Sultan, to Soliman Pasha, the Commander of the Egyptian troops, (of which a copy is enclosed, as well as of his answer). Agreeably to his request, the letter was again sent, in French, with instructions to the Officers to wait half an hour for the answer, much time having previously been lost. At the end of that time a verbal message only was returned, that an answer would be sent the following morning, which being too palpably evasive as circumstances then were, and that he might benefit by a night's delay, by which his troops might have been upon our quarters, and his powder and provisions removed without danger or accident from our fire, or otherwise profit by the interval; I ordered the