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DOWNING-STREET—June 4, 1801.

THE following copy of a letter from Lieut. General Sir John Hely Hutchinson, K. B. addressed to the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, has been this day received at the office of the Right Honourable Lord Hobart; as also the copy of a letter from Lord Elgin, addressed to the Right Honourable Lord Hawkesbury, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the foreign department:

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Sir JOHN HELY HUTCHINSON, K. B. to the Right Honourable HENRY DUNDAS, dated Camp before Alexandria, 20th April 1801.

S I R,

It is with great pleasure I am to inform you of the success of a corps of Turks and British under the command of Colonel Spencer. They were ordered from hence about ten days ago, for the purpose of forcing the enemy from the town and castle of Rosetta, which commands the navigation of the Nile. This operation has perfectly succeeded. We are now masters of the Western branch of that river, and of course have opened a communication with the Delta, from which we shall derive all necessary supplies, as the French have scarcely any troops there, and none capable of making a serious resistance.

The enemy had about eight hundred men at Rosetta when they were attacked. They made but a feeble effort to sustain themselves, and retired to the right Bank of the Nile, leaving a few men killed and prisoners. They left a garrison

in the fort, against which our batteries opened on the 16th, and it surrendered on the 19th instant: The conditions are the same as were granted to the castle of Aboukir.

I have many obligations to Colonel Spencer for the zeal, activity, and military talents, which he has displayed in the conduct of this important service; and I beg leave to recommend him as a deserving and most excellent officer.

I have the honour to be, &c.

J. H. HUTCHINSON, Major-General.
Right Hon. Henry Dundas, &c. &c.

Copy of a Letter from Lord Elgin to Lord Hawkesbury, dated Constantinople, May 9. 1801.

MY LORD,

Mr Morier having returned from Egypt, have the satisfaction of being able to lay before your Lordship a far more particular account of the affairs and proceedings in that country than it has hitherto been in my power to communicate. He left the Camp before Alexandria on the 22d ult.

At that time, the enemy remained in their strong position upon the heights near the eastern walls of Alexandria—their numbers about 6000 men. They were still in anxious expectation of receiving reinforcements, particularly that which had been announced to them as coming from Admiral Gantheaume.

The loss of the enemy, according to the numerous reports which had been collected, certainly exceeds 5000 men, and a great proportion of officers. Four Generals are known to have been killed. Every encouragement seems to have been given and held out to the French

army to insure their utmost exertions. Among other things, they were taught to expect no quarter from the British. The prisoners agree, that in no part of this war had such hard fighting, or such determined bravery ever been seen, as they have met with from our army in Egypt.

I presume, that Sir Ralph Abercromby's absence from the Camp, in consequence of his wounds on the 21st of March, had created a momentary suspension of our operations; and the irreparable loss occasioned by his death, must also necessarily have checked the prosecution of plans, in the formation and execution of which he had always borne so leading a part. The Captain Pacha did not arrive in time to see Sir Ralph Abercromby; but it appears that General Hutchinson followed his Excellency's intention relative to the troops on board the Turkish fleet, by employing them against Rosetta, and accordingly directed Colonel Spencer, having under him a corps of about 800 British, to proceed with the Turks to that expedition. The town was evacuated without resistance. Some guns were then brought to bear upon the fort St Julien, which commands the entrance of the river. The garrison of 368 men surrendered on the 19th ult.

Rahmancich was still in the hands of the French. They had fortified it, both in a view to secure their communications from the upper part of the Delta, and upper Egypt, whence they received their provisions.

Under these circumstances, General Hutchinson has very much strengthened his position between Aboukir and Alexandria; not only by a

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