

king any Attempt that had even the Appearance of Risque in it.—In this Opinion all the Officers concurred.

We had an Exchange of Prisoners with the French:—The Balance being against us One Hundred and Forty-one Soldiers or Marines and Seamen, we have given Receipts, to be hereafter accounted in this Country or in Europe.

I believe, My Lord, it is not very necessary I should endeavour to say much of the Behaviour of His Majesty's Troops during the late very fatiguing, if not, as it turned out, very dangerous Service;—though even, in respect of Danger, it must be allowed that Appearances at least were formidable.—The noble and steady Perseverance manifested by all Ranks, in exposing themselves to every Fatigue and to every Danger; the cheerful yet determined Spirit with which they set all the Threats of the Enemy at Defiance; and their firm Resolution of abiding, to the last Man, by every Consequence of an obdurate Defence, will, I hope, meet with the Approbation of His Majesty, and do them Honor with their Country.—To mention in particular all those, whether British, Hessian, Provincial, or Militia, who either did, or ardently wished; to distinguish themselves, would be in Fact to give your Lordship a List of the Whole.—But I must beg Leave to acknowledge the great Obligations we had to the very active and zealous Services of Captain Henry of His Majesty's Ship Powey, Captain Brown of the Rose, and their Officers and Seamen; particularly Lieutenants Lock and Crawford, in working the Batteries, and in every other Part of Service where they could give their Assistance.—I would also wish to mention Captain Moncrief, Commanding Engineer; but sincerely sensible, that all I can express will fall greatly short of what that Gentleman deserves, not only on this, but on all other Occasions, I shall only, in the most earnest Manner, request your Lordship taking him into your Protection and Patronage, to recommend him to His Majesty as an Officer of long Service, and most singular Merit:—Assuring you, My Lord, from my own positive Knowledge, that there is not One Officer or Soldier in this little Army, capable of reflecting or judging, who will not regard, as personal to himself, any Mark of Royal Favor graciously conferred through your Lordship on Captain Moncrief. We have been greatly obliged to Major Frazer of the 71st, Acting Quarter-Master General, for his zealous and indefatigable Industry in Landing and Mounting upon the Batteries the Cannon, Stores, &c. and constantly supplying all Want.—The extreme Vigilance and Attention of Captain Prevost, Acting Adjutant-General, deserves to be known.—Indeed the whole Engineers, and every other public Department, were Activity itself.

For further Particulars respecting this and every other Part of the Service, I beg to refer your Lordship to Captain Shaw, my Aid de Camp, who will have the Honor to deliver this, and who is not un-informed, as he has been present on every active Service in this Country.

(No. I.)

TRANSLATION.

COUNT d'Estaing summons his Excellency General Prevost to surrender to the Arms of the King of France. He apprizes him, that he will be personally responsible for all the Events and Misfortunes that may arise from a Defence, which, by the Superiority of the Force which attacks him, both by Sea and Land, is rendered manifestly vain and of no Effect.

He gives Notice to him also, that any Resolution he may venture to come to, either before the Attack, in the Course of it, or at the Moment of the Assault, of setting Fire to the Shipping or Small Craft, belonging to the Army, or to the Merchants in the River Savannah, as well as to all the Magazines in the Town, will be imputable to him only.

The Situation of Hospital Hill in the Grenades, the Strength of the Three Intrenchments and Stone Redoubts which defended it, and the comparative Disposition of the Troops before the Town of Savannah, with the single Detachment which carried the Grenades by Assault, should be

a Lesson to Futurity. Humanity obliges the Count d'Estaing to recal this Event to his Memory; having so done, he has nothing to reproach himself with.

Lord Macartney had the good Fortune to escape from the first Transport of Troops who enter a Town Sword in Hand; but notwithstanding the most valuable Effects were deposited in a Place supposed by all the Officers and Engineers to be impregnable, Count d'Estaing could not have the Happiness of preventing their being pillaged.

Camp before Savannah, the 16th of September 1779.

(Signed)

ESTAING.

(No II)

Copy of a Letter from Major General Prevost to the Count d'Estaing, dated Camp Savannah, Sept. 16, 1779.

S I R,

I AM just now honored with your Excellency's Letter of this Date, containing a Summon for me to surrender this Town to the Arms of His Majesty the King of France, which I had just delayed to answer, till I had shewn it to the King's Civil Governour.

I hope your Excellency will have a better Opinion of me, and of British Troops, than to think either will surrender on General Summons, without any specifick Terms.

If you, Sir, have any to propose that may with Honor be accepted of by me, you can mention them, both with Regard to Civil and Military, and I will then give my Answer: In the mean Time I will promise upon my Honor, that nothing, with my Knowledge or Consent, shall be destroyed in either this Town or River.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed)

A. PREVOST.

His Excellency Count d'Estaing,

Commanding the French Forces, &c.

(No. III.)

TRANSLATION.

Camp before Savannah, September 16, 1779.

S I R,

I HAVE just received your Excellency's Answer to the Letter I had the Honor of writing to you this Morning. You are sensible that it is the Part of the Besieged to propose such Terms as they may desire; and you cannot doubt of the Satisfaction I shall have, in consenting to those which I can accept consistently with my Duty.

I am informed that you continue intrenching yourself. It is a Matter of very little Importance to me; however, for Form Sake, I must desire that you will desist during our Conferences together.

The different Columns, which I had ordered to stop, will continue their March, but without approaching your Posts, or reconnoitring your Situation.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect,

Sir, your Excellency's most humble

and most obedient Servant,

(Signed)

ESTAING.

His Excellency General Prevost,

Major General in the Service of His Britannick Majesty, and Commander in Chief at Savannah in Georgia.

P. S. I apprize your Excellency that I have not been able to refuse the Army of the United States uniting itself with that of the King.

The Junction will probably be effected this Day. If I have not an Answer therefore immediately, you must confer in future with General Lincoln and me.

(No. IV.)

Copy of a Letter from Major General Prevost to the Count d'Estaing, dated September 16, 1779.

S I R,

I AM honored with your Excellency's Letter in Reply to mine of this Day.

The Business we have in Hand being of Importance, there being various Interests to discuss,