

per; but in case these were agreed to, it appeared to me probable that there would be no Difficulty in adjusting the other Articles the ensuing Day: whereupon they were returned conditionally ratified, but which Conditions have since been withdrawn. The Cessation being thereby continued, I early next Morning prepared a new Draft of Articles of Capitulation, in which the Stipulations of the preceding Day were attended to, and some new Clauses, that occurred to be necessary, in Addition to those of the preceding Day, inserted; to which Governor Chester consenting, they were, on the Morning of the 9th of May, sent out to General Galvez by Brigade-Major Campbell, who being fully informed of my Sentiments upon them collectively and separately, was empowered to clear up and discuss them with his Excellency. Accordingly General Galvez upon an Investigation and Discussion of them, Article by Article, agreed to them verbally, with some insignificant Reservations; whereupon he was permitted to take Possession of the Garrison of Pensacola that Evening, with a Guard for his Person, (he being indisposed) and Major Campbell left in his Camp, with General Espeleta and General Galvez's Secretary, to put down the Answers in Writing; but they (notwithstanding General Galvez's verbal Ratification) started Objections to the 14th, 17th, and 24th Articles, which however were next Day removed by General Galvez himself; and two additional Articles, the 27th and 28th, being likewise agreed upon and inserted; the Whole, as it now stands, was ratified and exchanged, and Possession given that same Evening, to the Arms of Spain, of Fort George and it's adjoining Works, and of the Royal Navy Redoubt the ensuing Day.

It has been my Misfortune, my Lord, to be employed in an ill-fated Corner of His Majesty's Dominions; but I trust that the Calamities that have befallen West Florida will not be imputed to me: My Endeavours have unremittingly been exerted for it's Preservation to the British Empire; since I took upon me the Military Command; and if my Labours and Exertions to that End shall but find Favor with my Sovereign, I shall forget the Frowns of Fortune, and be happy in the Royal Approbation.

Since the Capitulation we have learnt, from the best Authority, that the Combined Regular Land Troops of the Enemy on Shore did not consist of fewer than 7800 Men, besides seamen and Marines; to which being added the Consideration of 15 Ships of the Line and 6 Frigates, King's Snows, Sloops, &c. &c. being so long employed on this Service, and the Confession of many of their Officers, of their having an Artillery sufficient to have carried before Gibraltar (their own Expression.)

Permit me now, my Lord, to remark the Obligations I am under to the Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, who, after they were landed, cheerfully and readily co-operated in the Defence on Shore, and performed every Thing that could be expected from the well-known Character of British Seamen for undaunted Zeal and Intrepidity in their Country's Service. Captains Deans and Kelly did every Thing I could expect from their Rank and Station. But I take the Liberty more especially of recommending Lieutenants Miller, of the Mentor, and Hargood, of the Port Royal, to your Lordship's Patronage and Protection, for their brave and spirited Conduct and unremitting Attention to the Good of the King's Service, the former as Commanding Officer of the Seamen in the Advanced Redoubt, and the latter in the Royal Navy Redoubt at the Red Cliffs, that were considered the Posts of Danger and Honor.

The Royal Artillery, both Officers and Men, (to whom were joined Twelve Artillery Men of the Regiment of Waldeck) were indefatigable in their Exertions, and, from the Time the Enemy's Batteries were opened, were incessantly on Duty; notwithstanding which, they only appeared the more animated by Danger, and the more zealous to acquire Honor and merit Applause. I assure your Lordship, that I was perfectly well supported by the Field Officers and Commanding Officers of Corps under my Command, in their Maintenance of Order, Discipline, and Alertness on Duty among the Troops: Lieutenant-Colonel De Horn, of the Waldeck Regiment, and Major M'Donald, of the Maryland Provincial Corps, the only Field Officers in the Garrison of Fort George, went through a great Deal of Fatigue in the Execution of their Duty with Zeal, Promptness and Alacrity; and in Justice to them I must observe, that the Sally of the 4th Instant was led on by them, when upwards of 400 Men, actually on Duty in the Part of the Trenches attacked, were routed by only a Handful of Men, their Cannon spiked, Works destroyed, &c. Major M'Donald headed the Provincials, who attacked and stormed the Trenches, and Lieutenant-Colonel De Horn was at the Head of the Reserve.

Major Penzell, of the 3d Regiment of Waldeck, in his Command of the Royal Navy Redoubt, did every Thing that an experienced Officer could perform in his Circumstances and Situation; and in general, my Lord, notwithstanding the Mixture of Corps, and the consequent Incohesion and Disunity of Action that might have thence been apprehended, yet I have the Pleasure to say, that the Handful of Troops, both Officers and Soldiers, under my Command, seemed animated with Vigour and Spirit to the last, and eager to distinguish themselves; even the dispiriting Circumstance of frequent Desertions appeared not to affect or discourage those who remained, but to excite to Vengeance and Resentment. Captain-Lieutenant Holding, of the 3d Regiment of Waldeck, acting and sole Engineer, did all that a zealous young Man, and ambitious of Honour, could perform during the Siege, in attending to his Line of Duty, and acquitted himself with Honor and Applause.

Captain Addenbrooke, of the 54th Regiment, my Aid de Camp, and Lieutenant Hugh Mackay Gordon, of the 16th Regiment. Extra Aid de Camp, discharged their Duty much to my Ease and Satisfaction, with Clearness, Judgment and Precision. But the infinite Obligations I am under to Brigade-Major Campbell, for his good Conduct, indefatigable Zeal, and strict Attention to his Duty, on this last, as well as on every other Occasion, under my Command, I cannot sufficiently express; I therefore, most earnestly recommend him, through your Lordship, to His Majesty's Notice, as an Officer, whose Merit, faithful Services, and Abilities, justly claim any Mark of Royal Favor that can be conferred upon him.

Returns of the Garrisons of Fort George and its adjoining Works, and of the Royal Navy Redoubt, at their Surrender to Spain; as also of the Killed, Wounded, and Deserted, during the Siege; together with a Copy of the Capitulation. (The Answers being a Translation from the Spanish) are herewith inclosed.

*General Return of the Garrison of the Royal Navy Redoubt, when delivered up to the Arms of Spain, the 11th of May, 1781.*

Royal Artillery. 1 Bombardier, 3 Gunners.  
Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy. 1 Lieutenant, 2 Midshipmen, 49 Seamen.