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LORD Hugh Conway, Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Leviathan, arrived here this Day with a Dispatch from Vice-Admiral Lord Hood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Philip Stephens, Esq; of which the following is a Copy.

*Victory, in the Outer Road of Toulon,
August 29, 1793.*

S I R,

IN my Letter of the 25th, (of which I herewith send a Duplicate, and also of it's Inclosures) I had the Honor to acquaint you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, of the Situation of Things at Toulon and Marseilles: Since that several Messages have passed between me and the Sections of Toulon; and, having Assurances that they had proclaimed Louis XVII. King, and had sworn to acknowledge him, and no longer suffer the Despotism of the Tyrants which at this Time govern France, and that they would be zealous in their Endeavours to restore Peace to their distracted and calamitous Country, I came to the Resolution of landing 1500 Men, and take

Possession of the Forts which command the Ships in the Road. St. Julien, a turbulent hot-headed Democrat, (to whom the Seamen had given the Command of the Fleet in the room of Trogoffe) had the Command of the Forts on the Left of the Harbour, and declared Resistance.

In all Enterprizes of War, Danger, more or less, is to be expected, and must be submitted to: But, impressed with the great Importance of taking Possession of Toulon, the great Fort of Malgue, and others on the Main, in shortening the War, I fully relied, that, in case my Endeavours should not succeed, I should be justified in running some Risque, being conscious I acted, to the best of my Judgement, as a faithful Servant to my King and Country; therefore, at Midnight on the 27th, I made the necessary Arrangements for putting the Troops on Shore, as near as possible to the great Fort, without their being molested by those Batteries in the Hands of St. Julien, under the immediate Protection of the Meleager and Tartar, supported by the Egmont, Robust, Couragetix, and Collossus, which were all in the Fort by Noon on the 28th. And I authorized

Captain

Captain Elphinstone to land and enter, at the Head of the Troops, the Fort of Malgue, and to take upon him the Charge and Command as Governor; and directed Captain Dickson, on his anchoring, to send a Flag, with peremptory Notice to St. Julien, that such Ships as did not immediately proceed into the Inner Harbour, and put their Powder on Shore, should be treated as Enemies. All but Seven, whose Crews ran off with St. Julien, removed in the Course of the Day.

It is impossible for me to express my Obligation to Don Langara, adequate to my Feelings of it, for the singular Honor of his implicit Confidence in, and good Opinion of me, in the Promptitude his Excellency manifested to comply with the Wishes contained in my Second Letter; as his Excellency was not content with sending Admiral Gravina, but came with his whole Squadron, except Four, which he left to bring a Body of Troops from the Army at Rosellon, and made his Appearance from the Deck of the Victory as the Troops from His Majesty's Squadron under my Command were in the Act of Landing. Admiral Gravina came on board; and, upon my explaining to him the Necessity of as many Spanish Troops being put on Shore immediately as could be spared, he told me he was authorized by his Admiral to pay Attention to any Request I should make, and undertook to prepare 1000 at least, to be landed this Morning, under the Protection of the Four Ships I had ordered to anchor, and were all in the Fort before Twelve o'Clock.

I herewith transmit a Copy of Don Langara's Letter, in Answer to mine of the 25th.

The Corps of Cartau has been at Marseilles, and committed all Manner of Enormities, and is now on it's March to Toulon, expecting to join the Army near at Hand from Italy. The former consists of 10,000 Men; the Number of the latter is not ascertained, but is more

or less, I trust the Whole will make no Impression even upon the Town of Toulon; upon the Fort of Malgue, I am pretty confident, they cannot do it.

Information has just been sent me that Cartau has planned to send away from Marseilles all the Money, as well as Merchandize, in the Town: The former is said to consist of Four Millions of Livres; but I have planned to prevent him, by having sent off Marseilles Two Ships of the Line, with Orders not to suffer any Vessel to sail; and I am now sending Two Frigates, which I could not spare before.

After having taken Possession of Toulon and the Forts, I judged it expedient to issue another Proclamation, which Captain Elphinstone tells me has had a very happy Effect; a Copy of which I also inclose.

The Knowledge of this Event to the King and His Majesty's Ministers appears to me of that Magnitude, that I think it expedient to adopt Two Modes of Conveyance, one by the Way of Barcelona, and the other Genoa.

Lord Hugh Conway has the Charge of one Dispatch, and the Honorable Captain Waldegrave the other, who will be able to inform His Majesty's Ministers, at those Places they may pass, of the Allied Powers.

I have the Honor to be,

S I-R,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

(Signed)

HOOD.

Philip Stephens, Esq.

PROCLAMATION,

By the Right Honorable Samuel Lord Hood, Vice-Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Squadron in the Mediterranean, &c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Sections of Toulon have, by their Commissioners to me, made a solemn Declaration in Favor of Monarchy, have proclaimed Louis

XVII.

XVII. Son of the late LOUIS XVI. their lawful King, and have sworn to acknowledge him, and no longer suffer the Despotism of the Tyrants, which at this Time govern France, but will do their utmost to establish Monarchy, as accepted by their late Sovereign in 1789, and restore Peace to their distracted and calamitous Country.

I do hereby repeat, what I have already declared to the People of the South of France, that I take Possession of Toulon, and hold it in Trust only for LOUIS XVII. until Peace shall be re-established in France, which I hope and trust will be soon.

Given on board His Britannic Majesty's Ship Victory, off Toulon, the 28th of August, 1793.

(Signed) H O O D.

By Command of the Admiral,

(Signed) *Jⁿ M^r Arthur*, Sec.

Most Excellent Lord,

I HAVE received your Excellency's much-esteemed Letter, with the Intelligence therein mentioned, and inclosing

a Copy of your Proclamation. In consequence, I cannot resist taking the greatest Interest in the Common Cause; and, considering the Effects that might result from my not taking Advantage of so favorable an Opportunity, I have determined to proceed immediately, in View of your Squadron; and, at the same Time, I dispatched an Express to the Commander in Chief of the Army in Rosellon, desiring that he would embark in Four Ships, which I left for that Purpose, Two or Three Thousand of the best Troops, to be employed as your Excellency wishes in the Operations you have pointed out.

May God preserve you a Thousand Years.

Most Excellent Lord,

I kiss your Lordship's Hands,

Your most obedient, and faithful humble Servant,

(Signed) *Juan de Langara & Huarte*.

On board of the *Mexicano*, off the Coast of Rosellon, the 26th of August, 1793.

Admiral Lord Hood.

Whitehall, September 16.

CAPTAIN Robinson, of the Brilliant Frigate, arrived Yesterday Evening at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, with the following Dispatch from Colonel Sir James Murray, Adjutant-General to the Forces under the Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Dixmude, September 14, 1793.

S I R,

I Take the Opportunity of Captain Robinson, of the Brilliant Frigate, going to England, to inform you, that the Dutch Posts upon the Lys were forced

by the Enemy upon the 12th. In consequence of this the Troops of the Republic have abandoned Menin, and have fallen back upon Bruges and Ghent. His Royal Highness means to march this Day to Thouroute.

Accounts were received this Morning that an Engagement had taken Place at Villers en Couchée, near Quesnoy, in which the French were defeated, with the Loss of 3000 Men and 11 Pieces of Cannon.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J A. MURRAY.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas,

&c. &c. &c.

