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*Admiralty-Office, September 15, 1793.*

**L**ORD 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,

**I**N 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