

by the Garrison, and distinctly seen from the Quebec. At about Two this Morning, it became more violent, and continued with great Briskness on both Sides. When we passed Nieuport, about Ten, we saw Major-General Dundas on his March, within Two Miles of the Place, and I have this Instant received a Letter from him, announcing his Arrival. He says, he finds every Thing as well as he could expect; that the Enemy threatened much, kept up a constant Fire, and had last Night carried one of the Towers, within 1700 Yards of the Place. He has made a Requisition of several Articles necessary to the Defence of the Place, which I have ordered to be forwarded to him immediately. With the Force now on Foot, assisted by the Inundation, I hope it may be preserved, and the further Progress of the French on this Side checked. Notwithstanding the constant Fire kept up by the Enemy, I am happy to inform you that the Loss of the Garrison has hitherto been inconsiderable, but I have yet received no regular Returns.

The Service has derived the greatest Benefit from the Zeal and Activity of Rear-Admiral Macbride, Captain Murray, and the Naval Officers under his Command.

A Supply of Ammunition, of which the Garrison was much in Want, was this Morning sent from the Fleet, and about 100 Seamen, under Captain Rogers, have been landed, to assist in working at the Batteries. Every Commendation is due to the gallant Defence made by Colonel Wurmb and the Garrison under his Command.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

C. G R E Y.

*Wednesday Morning, Seven o'Clock.*

THE Departure of the Cutter, which will carry this Dispatch, having been delayed, I have an Opportunity of adding, that I have received Accounts from Major General Dundas, dated Ten o'Clock last Night. The Fire from the Enemy had been violent during the the whole Day, but had ceased for near Three Hours. The Garrison still maintained all their Posts, and the Troops remained all Night under Arms on the Ramparts.

I am just setting off for Nieuport, in order to judge myself, on the Spot, of the farther Measures which it may be necessary to take for it's Defence.

*Right Hon. Henry Dundas.*

S I R,

MY last Dispatch announced to you the Situation of the Garrison of Nieuport, as far as I was informed of it, to the Time of my Departure for that Place this Morning. On my Road thither I was met by several Persons, with the agreeable Intelligence, that the French were re-

tiring, which was confirmed on my Arrival. They began their Retreat in the Night, and a Part only of the Rear Guard was visible at Day-break this Morning. They returned along the Road to Dunkirk, setting Fire to every Thing in their Way.

I went with Major-General Dundas to visit the Posts which they occupied, and, from the Extent of their Encampment, I should imagine that their Numbers could not have been less than was represented to us, about 8,000. What Loss they may have sustained during the Siege I have no Means of estimating: Our's, as I have already had the Pleasure of informing you, was very inconsiderable. I now inclose you a regular Return of that of the 42d and 53d Regiments; that of the Hessians I have not been able to learn accurately, but it is not greater in Proportion. The French have left behind them Four Twenty-four Pounders and Two Mortars, as well as a great Number of Shot, Shells, and Intrenching Tools. The Whole were secured, and a great Part brought into the Town before I left it. I have already spoken in Commendation of the gallant Behaviour of Colonel de Wurmb and the Garrison under his Command; I cannot, however, help adding, upon a more exact Knowledge of their Situation, when first attacked, that the Safety of Nieuport is owing to their Courage and Perseverance in it's Defence, with Means very disproportionate to the Force brought against them. The Artillery, under Captain Bothwick, with the 53d Regiment, whose Loss has been the greatest, have been very much distinguished; and I think it only an Act of Justice to mention, in Terms of the highest Approbation, Major Mathews, whose long Services and particular Exertions on this Occasion will, I hope, recommend him to His Majesty's Notice. I feel also that much is due to the Zeal and Intelligence with which Major-General Dundas undertook and executed the Service entrusted to him after his Arrival at Nieuport, as well as to Colonel Symes and Captain Rogers, and the Officers, Marines and Seamen from the Fleet.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

C. G R E Y.

P. S. The Hessian Return of their Loss I have received since I wrote this Dispatch, which I inclose.

*Return of the Killed and Wounded of the British at the Siege of Nieuport.*

42d Regiment. 1 Serjeant, 2 Rank and File, wounded.

53d Regiment. 1 Subaltern, 12 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 31 Rank and File, wounded.

Total. 1 Subaltern, 12 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 2 Serjeants, 33 Rank and File, wounded.

*Offend, October 30, 1793.*