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*Whitehall, December 25.*

THE Dispatches, of which the following are Copies and an Extract, were Yesterday received from Major-General David Dundas, Vice-Admiral Lord Hood, and Sir-Gilbert Elliot, Baronet, by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated Toulon, November 30, and December 1, 1793.

*Toulon, November 30, 1793.*

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I Have the Honor to acquaint you, that the Enemy, having opened a considerable Battery on the Height of Arenes, which much annoyed One of our principal Out-Posts, (Malbousquet) it became necessary to attack it. Dispositions for that Purpose were made, and this Morning, at Five o'Clock, a Corps of Four

Hundred British, Three Hundred Sardinians, Six Hundred Neapolitans, Six Hundred Spaniards, and Four Hundred French, under my Command, marched from the Town. Notwithstanding the Whole was obliged to cross the New River on One Bridge only, to divide into Four Columns, to march across Olive Grounds, intersected by Stone Walls, and to ascend a very considerable Height, cut into Vine Terrasses, yet we succeeded in surprizing and forcing the Enemy, and were soon in full Possession of the Battery and Height: But, I am sorry to say, that, instead of forming upon and occupying the long and narrow Summit of the Hill, agreeable to Orders and military Prudence, the Impetuosity of the Troops led them to follow the Enemy, to descend the Height, to ascend other distant Heights, and, at last, in Disorder, to encounter such superior advancing Numbers,

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