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*Whitehall, January 15, 1794.*

**C**APTAIN Hill, Aide de Camp to Major-General Dundas, arrived, on the 13th Instant, at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, with Dispatches from Vice-Admiral Lord Hood and the Major-General, of which the following are Copies and Extracts.

*Victory, Toulon Road, December 13, 1793.*

S I R,

**N**othing very material has happened here since the 30th of last Month, when I had the Honour of writing to you, except that the Enemy has made Approaches nearer to us by some new-erected Batteries; one against Malbousquet, another against Le Brun, and a third against the Hauteur de Graffe. The Shells from Two of them did us some Mischief on the 9th and 10th, since which they have been perfectly silent.

The Enemy is reported to be 50,000, but I cannot credit their being much beyond Half that Number. By various Deserters that have come in, which in this Respect perfectly agree, we are soon to be attacked on all Sides at once. From the numerous and important Posts we have to occupy the Troops are at very hard Duty, and without Relief some Way or other, we shall soon have more Men in the Hospital than are fit for Service.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

H O O D.

*Right Hon. Henry Dundas,  
&c. &c. &c.*

*Toulon, December 12, 1793.*

S I R,

**S**INCE the Affair of the 30th Ult. no considerable Event has taken Place. By the repeated Accounts of Deserters the Enemy are very much increased in

Numbers: None state them lower than 30 or 40,000 Men.

They have fired of late little from the Battery we were in Possession of. Four of it's Guns were certainly disabled. They have increased the Number of their Mortars, which have much annoyed our Two Posts of Cape Brun and Fort Mulgrave, on the Heights of Balaguier. We have lost some Men at each, from the Effect of Shells, which, in such temporary exposed Situations, cannot be sufficiently guarded from. Against each of these Posts they have opened a new Battery of Cannon and Mortars, but at the other Points they have worked little. We continue strengthening our Position, though we cannot expect to give it any much more substantial Form.

We have in all near 11,000 Men bearing Musquets, and 4000 Sick. Deserters all report the Intention of a speedy general Attack.

This will be delivered by Captain Hill, a very deserving young Man, who has been Aide de Camp to Lord Mulgrave, Lieutenant General O'Hara, and myself. The Opportunity of his Departure is sudden, and therefore I am to beg you will excuse the Shortness of this Letter.

I am, &c.

DAVID DUNDAS.

*Right Hon. Henry Dundas,  
&c. &c. &c.*

*Whitehall, January 15, 1794.*

**T**HIS Morning Sir Sydney Smith and Major Moncrief arrived at the Office of the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, with Dis-