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*Whitehall, March 11.*

**D**ISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, were Yesterday received at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, from Vice-Admiral Lord Hood and Lieutenant-General David Dundas.

*Victory, St. Fiorenzo, Feb. 22, 1794.*

SIR,

**H**AVING received repeated Information how much the French were straitened for Provisions in Corsica, I had, for a considerable Time past, kept Ships constantly cruising between Cape Corse and Calvi, and, after my leaving the Road of Toulon, I judged it more necessary to prevent Succours being thrown in as much as possible, my Mind being impressed with the Importance the Island must be of to the French, in the State the Ships and Arsenal of Toulon were, and that it was very much so to Great Britain, as it contained several Ports, and that of St. Fiorenzo a very good one, for the Reception of His Majesty's Fleet in this Part of the Mediterranean. I therefore determined to make an Attempt to drive the French out of it, so soon as I could get a sufficient Supply of Provisions and Wine, being in daily Expectation of the former from Gibraltar and the latter from Port Mahon and Alicant; and in the mean Time I signified to General Dundas my Intention of sending Lieutenant-Colonel Moore and Major Kochler to Corsica, and requested he would give them proper Instructions for informing themselves of General Paoli's real Situation and that of the French; and when they had been there a Week I received, in the Afternoon of the 23d of last Month, a very encouraging Report, and at the same Time certain Information that the French had actually embarked at Nice 8000 Troops which were, at all Risque, to push for the Island, under Convoy of Two Frigates, a Corvette, Zebbeck, and other Armed Vessels. That same Evening I detached Three more Frigates to the Senior Officer, the more effectually to line the Coast, and to guard Bastia also; at the same Time I ordered the Ardent and a Sloop off Villa Franca, and, in case he found the French Frigates there, Captain

Sutton was directed to call to him the Diadem and other Cruizers from before Genoa, and cruize from Villa Franca to Antibes; but if he found the French Frigates sailed, he was to proceed, and join me off St. Fiorenzo, as I intended to put to Sea the next Morning. I could not, however, get away until the Afternoon, for Want of Wind. At Four o'Clock I weighed Anchor, accompanied by Sixty Sail of Ships and Vessels, including Army Victuallers, Horse Transports, and others, having 1800 unfortunate Toulonese on board, and the Victory and Prince's Royal had 400 more. I gave the Convoy in Charge of the Gorgon, with Three Gun Boats to bring up the Rear. Just at Sun-set next Evening I was within Three Miles of Isle Rousse, where Lieutenant-Colonel Moore was waiting, but having no Frigate or Cutter with me, I was unable to send for him; but observing the Juno at some little Distance, I made her Captain's Signal, and directed him to stand in, and fetch the Colonel off in the Night, which he fortunately effected. Towards Day-Light it blew very strong, and before Ten o'Clock quite a Storm, which made it prudent for me to bear up for Porto Ferrara, which I had a fair Prospect of getting to before Night; but in the Afternoon, when we were within Five Leagues of Elba, the Weather was so extremely thick, that the Pilot declined the Charge of the Ship; consequently I was driven to Leeward of the Island, where I passed Three very disagreeable Nights, having had Two Main Topails blown to Rags, and the Topail Yard rendered totally unserviceable. However we got safe to Porto Ferrara on the 29th; and having got all the Ships set to rights, and sent for Bread and Wine from Leghorn, I put to Sea again on the 6th Instant: Commodore Linzee, with most of the Transports, got out the Evening before. On the 7th the Commodore, having the Direction of disembarking the Troops at the Time and in the Manner Lieutenant-General Dundas should desire, anchored in a Bay to the Westward of Mortella Point, with the several Ships and Transports under his Command. The Troops were mostly landed that Evening, and Possession taken of a Height which overlooks the Tower of Mortella. The next Day the General and Commodore being of Opinion that

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