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**T**HE Dispatch, of which the following is a Copy, has been received by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas from the Right Honorable Sir Gilbert Elliot, Bart. dated Corté, the 21st of June, 1794.

S I R,

**I** HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, that the Union of Corsica to the Crown of Great Britain is finally and formally concluded; and it is with the most sincere Satisfaction that I find myself enabled to assure you, that no National Act was ever sanctioned by a more unanimous Proceeding on the Part of those who were authorized to do it, or by a more universal Approbation, amounting, I may say, to Enthusiasm, on the Part of the People.

I have already had the Honor of transmitting to you a Copy of the Letter addressed by his Excellency My Lord Hood and myself to his Excellency General Paoli, dated the 21st of April. I have the Honor to inclose To-day a Copy of the Circular Letter, addressed by General Paoli to his Countrymen, referring to that which he had received from us, an Italian Translation of which was annexed.

Letters of Convocation were soon after issued for the Assembly of the *General Consult* to be held at Corté on Sunday the 8th of June, and were so framed as to procure the most general Representation known in this Island, every Community, which is the smallest Territorial Division, having sent it's Representative, and the State of Property being such, that although none but Landholders were Electors, every Man, almost without Exception, has voted.

The Letters of Convocation set forth the Occasion of their being called together; and the Minutes of Election in every Community expressed the general Nature of the Measure to which the Deputies were authorized to consent, specifying distinctly the Union of Corsica with Great Britain, and the Tender of the Crown to His Majesty.

I have the Honor to inclose Copies of these Proceedings.

The Deputies met at Corté in sufficient Numbers to constitute the Assembly, on Tuesday the 10th of

June. Some Days were employed in verifying their Powers, and determining controverted Elections; after which they chose General Paoli as their President, and Mr. Pozzodi Bargo and Mr. Muselli their Secretaries.

On Saturday the 14th Instant General Paoli opened the Assembly by an excellent and eloquent Speech, stating concisely the principal Events which had occurred, and the principal Measures adopted by himself since the Separation of the last General Consult in May, 1793, the Occasion of their present Convocation, and the leading Points on which their Deliberations should turn.

The Assembly voted unanimously their Thanks to General Paoli, and a full and entire Approbation of all he had done, by virtue of the Powers formerly vested in him by the General Consult of 1793.

They then, 1st, declared unanimously the Separation of Corsica from France:

And 2dly, with the same Unanimity, and with the strongest Demonstrations of universal Satisfaction and Joy, voted the Union of Corsica to the Crown of Great Britain.

A Committee was then appointed to prepare the Articles of Union, and to consider the proper Mode of tendering the Crown to His Majesty.

It was declared that all who came should have Voices; and, in Fact, several Persons of Character and Talents, who were not even Members of the Assembly, were admitted to the Deliberations, and took a Share in the Discussions of the Committee.

The Articles underwent in the Committee a very full, free and intelligent Discussion; such as would have done Honour to any Assembly of Publick Men in any Country, and such as stamped the Result with the Sanction of a deliberate and informed, as well as a free and independent Assent.

The Report was voted with Unanimity in the Committee.

It was presented to the Assembly on Thursday the 17th, and on that and the following Day was opened, and most ably as well as fully expounded to them by Mr. Pozzo de Bargo. It was adopted with Unanimity, and with universal Applause; and Two Copies of the Act of Union were signed by every Member of the Consult.