

My Lord, *Vanguard, at Sea, Nov. 1, 1798.*
I Have the Honor to transmit you a Letter received from Captain Ball, dated October 30, together with the Capitulation of the Castle of Goza, and a List of Ordnance, &c. found in it; the Prisoners are now embarked in the Vanguard and Minotaur 'till I can get a Vessel to send them to France. Captain Ball, with Three Sail of the Line, a Frigate, and Fireship, is entrusted with the Blockade of Malta, in which are Two Sail of the Line and Three Frigates ready for Sea; and from the Experience I have had of Captain Ball's Zeal, Activity, and Ability, I have no Doubt but that in due Time I shall have the Honor of sending you good Account of the French in the Town of Valetti. I am, with the greatest Respect, your Lordship's most obedient Servant.

HORATIO NELSON.

Admiral Earl of St. Vincent.

Alexander, off Malta, October, 30, 1798.

SIR,
I Have the Honor to acquaint you, that the Commandant of the French Troops in the Castle of Goza, signed the Capitulation the 28th Instant, which you had approved. I ordered Captain Creswell, of the Marines, to take Possession of it in the Name of His Britannic Majesty, and His Majesty's Colours were hoisted. The next Day the Place was delivered up in Form to the Deputies of the Island, His Sicilian Majesty's Colours hoisted, and he acknowledged their lawful Sovereign.

I embarked Yesterday all the French Officers and Men who were on the Island of Goza, amounting to Two Hundred and Seventeen.

I inclose the Articles of Capitulation, and an Inventory of the Arms and Ammunition found in the Castle, Part of which I directed to be sent to the Assistance of the Maltese, who are in Arms against the French. There were Three Thousand Two Hundred Sacks of Corn in the Castle, which will be a great Relief to the Inhabitants, who are much in Want of that Article.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) ALEX. JOHN BALL.

Rear-Admiral Sir Horatio Nelson.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION

Between Alexander John Ball, Esq; Captain of His Britannic Majesty's Ship Alexander, appointed to conduct the Blockade of Malta, under Rear-Admiral Sir Horatio Nelson, K. B. on the Part of Great Britain, and Lieutenant-Colonel Lochey, Auj. de Batt. Commander of the French Troops in the Castle of Goza.

I. THE French Troops shall march out of the Castle of Goza, with the Honours of War, and shall lay down their Arms as they get out of the Gate.

II. The Castle of Goza, with all the Military Implements and Stores, shall be delivered up to the British Officer appointed to take Charge of them.

III. The French Officers and Troops shall be protected in their Persons and Effects, and the Officers allowed to retain their Side-Arms; they shall be embarked immediately on board His Britannic Majesty's Ships, and sent to France in Transports, at the Expence of the French Government. They are not to

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serve against His Britannic Majesty, or his Allies during the War, until regularly exchanged.

Rear-Admiral Sir Horatio Nelson, K. B. has entered into Articles with the Inhabitants of Goza, that if the French surrender to the British, they shall be considered as under their Protection, and they will not offer them the smallest Inult or Molestation.

Signed the 28th October 1798.

ALEXANDER JOHN BALL,

Captain of His Britannic Majesty's Ship Alexander.

LOCHEY, Auj. de Battalion:

Approved—Horatio Nelson.

Extract of Articles found in the Castle of Goza, the 28th October, 1798.

- 50 Barrels of Powder.
- 9000 Ball Cartridges.
- 1000 Musquet Cartridges without Ball.
- 1700 Flints.
- 38 Eighteen Pound Cartridges, filled.
- 140 Twelve Pound Ditto.
- 450 Six Pound Ditto:
- 268 Four Pound Ditto:
- 25 Three Pound Ditto:
- 88 Two Pound Ditto.
- 18 Eighteen-Pounder Gun, good, and 200 Shot.
- 2 Twelve-Pounder Gun, good, and 900 Shot:
- 4 Six-Pounder Gun, good, and 2985 Shot.
- 400 Hand Granades, filled.
- 90 Pikes, and 90 Halberts.
- 3200 Sacks of Corn.

N. B. No small Arms, except those laid down by the French Troops.

Mercers-Hall, London, 20th December, 1798.

THE Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of London do hereby give Notice, that the Committee of the said Wardens and Commonalty have this Day, in the Presence of several of their Bond Creditors, caused to be drawn out of their Lottery-Wheel the Lots of the Bonds to be paid off, amounting to the Principal Sum of 7020 l. viz. Nos.

8,	288,	708,	913,	1065,
36,	353,	715,	926,	1121,
41,	356,	722,	932,	1155,
42,	364,	726,	933,	1159,
54,	402,	751,	935,	1170,
58,	419,	768,	943,	1172,
62,	442,	783,	967,	1228,
83,	477,	785,	976,	1229,
87,	479,	832,	978,	1238,
131,	511,	836,	980,	1247,
156,	523,	893,	1051,	1253,
167,	562,	897,	1055,	1264,
180,	668,	910,	1059,	1303,

1318, 1333, and 1416, for 100 l. each.

No. 1437, for 70 l. Nos. 1452 and 1454, for 60 l. each. And 1482, for 30 l.

And the said Wardens and Commonalty do hereby give this further Notice, that the several Bonds of the Numbers and Principal Sums above mentioned will be paid off at the Clerk's Office at Mercers-Hall, on the 5th Day of July next, together with the Interest that will be then due thereon, at which Time the Interest on such Bonds will cease and determine.

Rob. Cawne, Clerk.