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Tangier, May 18.

THe Eighth Instant, the Moors brought Two Guns to bear upon Henrietta Fort, the one a Three, the other a Six pounder; that day they placed several Shot in the Fort, and the next, made so great a breach in it, that our Men called that night to Charles Fort, and told them, that by reason of the said Breach, and the Enemies Mine being under them, they could Defend it no longer, Upon which, our Governor, the Earl of Inchiquin, called a Council of War, where it was judged impossible to relieve the said Fort, and it was thought fit, since the Moors had opened a way of Correspondence with us, by Flags, to offer them to quit it, upon Condition, the Men might be at liberty to return thither; but the Alcade would only promise them their Lives, and that they might be afterwards Redeemed. The Twelfth at night, Captain St. Johns; by the help of the Speaking Trumpet, called to us, and let us know, that the Enemy approached so fast with Three several Mines on the East, North, and South side of the Fort, that it was not to be defended, and desired an assistance from hence, to favour their Retreat, being resolved to blow up the Fort, and to Fight their way through the Enemy, which was agreed should be executed the Fourteenth, about Seven in the morning; and in a Council of War it was Resolved, that a Party of 480 Men should at the same time Sally out, and advance to the Enemies Line to meet them, being divided into Five several Bodies, the Forlorn, consisting of 72 Men, Commanded by Capt. Humes, of my Lord Dumbarton's Regiment, the Main Body by Major Boynton, Capt. John Giles, Capt. George Wingfield, and Capt. Ely; the Reserve by Capt. Monereife, and Capt. Barber, besides Two other small Parties, Commanded by Capt. Lelly, and Lt. Clarke. The time appointed being come, the whole Garrison of Charles Fort (having first spiked the Great Guns, which were Twelve, and wedged Balls into them, broken the Arms they did not use, put the Ammunition into the Countermine they had made, and laid their Train for the Firing it,) Sallyed out, and with great Bravery, and in very good Order, advanced to the Enemies Trench (Capt. St. Johns leading the Van, with a Party of Firelocks and Grenadiers, and Capt. Trclawny bringing up the Rear) and beat them out of that, and their Second Trench, with great slaughter, and the whole Party got to the Third Trench, which being at least Twelve Foot deep, it was very difficult for any of our People to get out, and none could, but by helping one another; Capt. St. Johns was one of the first that got over, who immediately faced about, and gave all the assistance he could to those that followed; besides himself (who was wounded in the Shoulder) Lieutenant Clause, and Ensign Roberts (the Person that set fire to the Train which he did not, till the whole Party was advanced to the First Trench) and Forty four Soldiers got over, and made their Retreat in a Body to the Town, having been received at the Link by

Capt. Humes; who Commanded our advanced Party, and shewed great Conduct and Courage, standing several Charges of the Enemies Horse, through the Gaps they had made in our Lines of Communication, which has proved of very great use to us; and when the action was over, and he was upon his Retreat to the Main Body, one of the Moors chiefest Commanders, Charged Capt. Humes in the Rear of his Party, and overbore him; but his Horse falling with him at the same time, he was immediately killed by a Gentleman that was near the Captain, who brought off his Party in very good Order. Fourteen of the Men of Charles Fort, were taken alive by the Moors in the deep Trench: and 120 were slain, amongst whom was Capt. Trclawny, a Person for his Loyalty and Courage, to be very much lamented: Of those that Sallied out of the Town, Fifteen were killed, and several wounded, among which latter were Capt. Humes, Capt. Monereife, Capt. Ely, and Lieutenant Bayly, the latter Mortally. During this Action, Vice-Admiral Herbert lay with his Sloop, and several Barks of the Fleet; as near the Shore as he could, to give the Enemy a Diversion, and to favour the Retreat of Thirteen Men that were in a small Redoubt near Whitby; but there came off but one Man (and the rest afterwards surrendered themselves.) The Moors were very thick on that side, and without doubt, received considerable damage; some Seamen were wounded, and Mr. Wray, a hopeful young Gentleman was killed. Three or four hours after, the Alcade fear to offer us liberty to bury the Dead, which was performed the next day. The Thirteenth at night, Henrietta Fort Surrendered, and the next morning, the Enemy sprung their Mines under it, and blew it up. The Fifteenth, we perceived the Enemy to be making a small Battery on the side of the Hill, between Charles and Pond Forts, from whence they began to Fire the next day, though they discontinued the Seventeenth, but that night as well as the Sixteenth, they were carrying on a Line between Monmouth and York Forts, to meet, as we suppose, with another Line they are carrying on the West side of Norwoods Redoubt, and Pole Fort; and in the night, they Palisaded in a place of Armes, lined with Fagots and Earth, upon the Hill, between James and Monmouth Redoubts; within our old Line.

Spire; June 10. The 7th Instant the Baron de Mofclar came hither from the Camp at Landau, which we cannot learn the occasion of. In the mean time, people are full of fears, to see the French Troops increase daily in our Neighborhood; and that they are supplied with Great Cannon; and other things necessary for the Attacking some place: It is believed by many, that since the Governor of Falkenburg has refused to deliver up the Castle upon their Summons, they will besiege it; but others apprehend, their Designs are upon some more important places on the Rhine. The Report that was spread abroad, of their having possessed themselves of the City of Worms, proves a mistake, and its hoped, such care will be taken if they have any, as may prevent it.

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