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Extracts of Letters from Vice-Admiral Lord Keith, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Evan Nepean, Esq; Secretary of the Admiralty, dated on board the Minotaur, off Genoa, the 3d and 9th of May 1800.

ON the 29th Ultimo, General D'Ott communicated to me his Intention of making a general Attack on all Sides of Genoa, and requested Co-operation, and that we might settle the Plan.

At Three A. M. on the 30th, the Attack began on the Part of General D'Ott, by Signal from St. Pierre D'Arca, on Quarto, St. Martino, and St. Christino, by General Gottesheim, who pressed the Enemy up to the Walls near the Shore, under Cover of the Fire of the Phoenix, Mondovi, Entreprene, Victoire Tender, Launches and Boats of the Squadron. The Affair continued until Night, when the Austrians retired, being unable to dislodge the Enemy from the little Fort of St. Martino, situated on a Hill Two Miles from the Sea. General D'Ott was most successful in seizing Dui Fratelli by Escalade, and blocking up Diamonti: on the Side of St. Martino the French durst not follow the Austrians, in consequence of the well-directed Fire of the Squadron. It rained the whole Day. Shells from the Town fell amongst the Ships. The French, however, on the same Evening attacked and re-possessed themselves of all their former Posts. It is reported they lost many Men, as far as Fifteen Hundred.

On the 2d, the Enemy made a desperate Sortie on Lieutenant-General D'Ott's Centre at Sestri. They kept advancing in Column to the Muzzles of the Cannon repeatedly for an Hour, and did not

retire till they lost Twelve Hundred Men, of whom Twenty Officers and Two Hundred and Eighty Privates are Prisoners.

On the 4th I received a Letter from the General, informing me that the French had retired to St. Espirito, and had sustained a considerable Loss on the 2d at Louano. He says that he was much indebted to the Fire of the Phaeton, &c. and to the good Management of Captain Morris.

On the 7th Two Mortar Boats and Two Gun Boats arrived from Naples. The same Day I heard from General Melas that the French had burnt their Magazines at Alasio, and had retired to Port Maurice; and that Captain Morris had seized Twenty Corn Vessels and a Depot of Arms; and galled the Enemy's Rear through several Miles of their Retreat. Two of Massena's Staff were taken in a small Boat near Albangua in attempting to escape from Genoa.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Keith to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Minotaur off Genoa, 10th May, 1800.

SIR,

I Have the Honor of inclosing a Copy of a Letter received by me at a late Hour last Night, from His Excellency General Melas, which will convey to their Lordships the most satisfactory Accounts of the Progress of the Austrian Arms, and of the Retreat of the Enemy's Army from the Genoese Territory.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

KEITH.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

*Head-Quarters, Oneglia,
8th May 1800.*

MY LORD,

WE have been very successful Yesterday. The Right Wing of the Army, commanded by General Elsnitz, who was on Monte Carro, attacked the Enemy at Muzhio delle Pietre, and succeeded so well, that at Nine o'Clock in the Morning Victory had declared in his Favor. The General of Division Gravier, with a great Number of Officers and Fifteen Hundred Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, were made Prisoners. The Right of the Enemy, informed of the Defeat of its Left, did not delay retreating from Capo di Berta. We have pursued him beyond Port Maurice. Fifteen Pieces of Cannon of different Sizes have been taken from him along the Coasts. Our Loss has not been considerable; but I regret the Loss of Major-General Breutano mortally wounded, and Major Casate killed. The Corps of General Elsnitz is now at St. Bartholomeo; and General Gourroupp marches with his Flying Corps to Colla Ardente, and his Van Guard is already at Broglio, behind the Col de Tende. I wait for the Reports of the Patroles, who are in the Pursuit of the Enemy, to make my final Dispositions. In the mean while I request your Excellency to accept the Respect with which I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

MELAS.

Vice Admiral Lord Keith, K. B.

Downing-Street, May 31, 1800.

DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, were this Morning received from Thomas Jackson, Esq. His Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at Turin, by the Right Honourable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

MY LORD,

Turin, May 10, 1800.

I Have the greatest Satisfaction in informing your Lordship that the Intelligence which has arrived here of the further Operations of the Austrians in the Riviere is highly favourable and important.

Two Days ago Advice was received of a successful Attack of the Col de Tende on the 6th, which important Post was carried by the Bayonet, and the Enemy was driven beyond Saorgio and Breglio with the Loss of Four Pieces of Cannon. This Affair

made only a Part of the Plan of general Attack, and was connected with the Operations of the Rest of the Army in all the intermediate Positions down to the Sea Shore, the Result of these Attacks is, that the Enemy, being forced and driven from the Positions of St. Esprit and in every Quarter, was retreating towards Nice.

In the official Relation of these Affairs which has been published here, it is said that the British Vessels which pursued the Enemy on the Coast contributed greatly to accelerate their Flight.

Yesterday Morning official Intelligence arrived here from the Head-Quarters at Oneglia, the 7th, of the Enemy having been again attacked that Morning, and completely defeated, with the Loss of One Thousand Five Hundred Prisoners, Forty Officers, and the General of Division Gravier, and Fifteen Pieces of Cannon. The Austrian General Breutano is said to be mortally wounded. In consequence of this Affair the whole Principality of Oneglia was evacuated, and the French are represented as retreating in the greatest Disorder towards St. Remo. In these official Relations much Praise is bestowed on the Piedmontese Officers and Troops, who have much distinguished themselves.

The French have another Position at Vintimille, on the Roia, but which it is not supposed they can maintain, and it is not doubted that they will be driven beyond the Var in a few Days.

We have nothing new from Genoa or Savona; these Places still hold out.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

THO. JACKSON.

MY LORD,

Turin, May 12, 1800.

IT is with infinite Satisfaction that I can inform your Lordship of the entire Evacuation of the Riviere of Genoa, and the County of Nice by the French Troops under Suchet, the Remains of which have passed the Var; and Nice, with its Two Castles, was Yesterday occupied by the Imperial Troops under the Orders of General Knesevich.

General Kaim, the Commander in Chief here, has this Moment sent Intelligence to the Government of this joyful Event.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) T. JACKSON.

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