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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.