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ISPATCHES, of which the following are a Copy and Extract, addressed to Lord Viscount Caftlereagh, were received Yesterday Even-ing, at the Office of the Right Honorable William Windham, one of His Majesty's Principal Secre-taries of State, from Major-General Sir David Baird :

My Lord, Cape Town, January 12, 1866.

I HAVE the Honor to announce to your Lordthip the Capitulation of the Youn and Garrison of the Cape of Good Hope to His Majesty's Arms.

In my Dispatches of the 24th November last, from St. Salvador, I had the Honor to apprize your Lordship of the Measures adopted to refresh the Force under my command; and having, with much difficulty, procured about fixty or feventy Horses for the Cavalry, and the Sick being recruited, the Expedition failed on the 26th of that Month; and we had the good Fortune to reach Table Bay on the 4th finstant.

It had been intended to difembark the Army immediately, and wish a View of covering our Defign, before entering the Bay, the 24th Regiment, commanded by the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel M'Donald, was detached, under Charge of the Leda Frigate, to make a Demonstration of landing in Campo Bay, but the wind having failed, the Fleet did not arrive at its Anchorage until the Day was too far advanced to attempt a Landing.

On the Morning of the 5th the Fielt Brigade, under the Orders of Brigadier General Berestord, was embarked in Boats, and proceeded towards the only accessible part of the Shore, in a small Bay, fixteen Miles to the Northward of Cape-Town, where it appeared practicable to effect a Disembarkation, but the Surf had increased so considerably that, combined with the local Difficulties of the Spot, it was found necessary to abandon the Attempt.

The Rest of the Day was devoted to a careful Examination of the whole Shore, from Lospards Bay to within Gunfhot of the Batteries at Cape-Town, but which produced only the diffressing Conclusion that the Chance of effecting a Landing depended upon Contingencies, very unlikely to be realized but in a perfect Calm.

In consequence of this Inference, in order to obviate the Difadvantages of Delay in the Adoption of a Refolution which I apprehended would at last be necessarily imposed on me, I directed Brigadier-General Beresford to proceed with the 38th Regiment, and the 20th Light Dragoons, escorted by His Majesty's Ship Diomede, to Saldanha Bay, where the Disembarkation could be accomplished with Facility, and a Prospect was afforded us of procuring Horfes and Cattle; and I purposed following with the main Body of the Army in the Event of the Beach being impracticable the enfuing Morn-

The Surf along the Shore of Lospards Bay having confiderably abated the enfoing Morning, I determined, with the Concurrence of Commodore Sir Home Popham, to make an Effort to get the Troops on Shore, and accordingly the Highland Brigade, composed of the 71, 72, and 93d Regiments effected that Object, under the Command of

Brigadier General Ferguson.

The Shore had been previously very closely in-spected by the Brigadier, and by his spirited Exer-tions and Example, our Efforts were crowned with Success; although a confined and intricate Channel to the Shore, which had been accurately pointed out by Beaconstlaid down by the Diligence and Activity of the Boats of His Majesty's Ship Diadem, and a tremendous Surf, oppoled the Passage of the Troops.
The Enemy had scattered a Party of Sharp

Shooters over the contiguous Heights, and commanded the Landing, but the Cafualties of this Service arose principally from natural Difficulties, and