

mand of Lieutenant-General White Locke, was landed without Opposition or Accident on the 28th near Barragon, about Twenty Miles to the Eastward of Buenos Ayres.

On the 30th, the *Nereide*, small Craft and Transports weighed, and anchored again to the Westward of Quelmes; the next Morning I went in Shore in the *Flying Fish* to endeavour to communicate with the Army, having directed some Transports with Provisions to go close in, in case the Army should want Supplies.

Captain Corbet, in his Boat, discovered some of our Troops, and sent Lieutenant Blight, of the *Nereide*, on Shore: he with Difficulty got to them, being obliged to pass through a deep Bog: on the 2d Lieutenant Blight returned, and informed me he had seen General White Locke the Evening before; that the Army had suffered most severely on their March, having very deep Marshes to pass, and having been obliged to leave their Provisions behind them; were much in want of Bread and Spirits, which were immediately landed from the Encounter and Transports. As I understood that General Gower had advanced towards Buenos Ayres, I directed Captain Thompson in the *Fly*, with the Gun Brigs, to get as near in as he could: the same Day I received a Letter from Colonel Bourke, Quarter-Master General, to say he was directed by General White Locke, to inform me that he had marched on, and meant to go to the Westward of Buenos Ayres, requesting I would send the Ships having heavy Artillery, there, and likewise Provisions. I immediately sent the Gun Boats to join the *Fly* and Gun-Brigs, and directed Captain Thompson to get as close in to the Westward as he could. The Transports with the Guns, and those with Provisions, as well as an Hospital Ship, I likewise sent there, and am happy to say they were all in Shore on the 4th, ready to meet the Army.

On the 5th a *Flying* was observed in the Town; I desired Captain Thompson to make use of the Gun-Brigs and Boats, when he could, without annoying our own People, who appeared to be both to the Eastward and Westward of the Town. A Communication was opened with the Army in the Morning; they had stormed and taken Possession of Four Guns, near the Citadel. Bread, Spirits, and Ammunition were supplied from the Ships.

On the 6th I directed the Encounter to endeavour to communicate with the Army on the East Side of the Town, and supply them with what they might require. An Hospital Ship was likewise sent that Way.

The *Nereide* was moored up as high as she could go, being in less than Three Fathoms, but still Nine Miles from the Town. At One P. M. I received a Letter from Captain Thompson, saying our Affairs at the West End of the Town were in a most distressing State, Brigadier General Crauford and the whole of his Brigade taken Prisoners, and that a Truce had been demanded and granted; at the same Time requesting more Transports might be moved up, in case it should be necessary to re-embark the Troops.

I immediately went up to the *Staunch Gun Brig*, which was about a Mile from the Shore, and abreast of the Post occupied by Sir Samuel Achmuty, and ordered the *Medusa*, *Tiabe*, and *Saracen*, which

were left off *Barragon*, to come up as high as they could with Safety.

Captain Thompson, who was with the General, came off to me immediately, but was obliged to have a Guard to protect him to the Beach, although close to the *Gun-Brig*; but it was dark. At Eight P. M. I received a Note from General White Locke informing me he had arrived there to see what more could be done by the Gallantry and Exertion of the Army under his Command, whose Sufferings in every Way had seldom, under any Circumstances, been exceeded. Of One Thing he was certain, that South America could never be English.

The Inveteracy of every Class of Inhabitants was beyond Belief. He wished to see me, as he had sent General Gower to General Liniers, in consequence of a Letter he had received from the latter.

I cannot help taking this Opportunity of saying how very active Captain Thompson of the *Fly* has been, who placed the *Gun-Boats*, which were commanded by Lieutenant Frazer of the *Medusa*, and Lieutenant Heron of the *Saracen*.

Early in the Morning of the 7th, the *Staunch* telegraphed to say I was wanted on Shore immediately; a Flag of Truce was still flying at our Headquarters. On my going on Shore the General shewed me the Proposals made by the Spanish General, Liniers, (a Copy of which I inclose,) and observed, that he was of Opinion, as well as were the other Generals, that it could answer no good Purpose to persist, and that one great Object was attained, that of getting all the Prisoners back that had been taken in South America this War; that the destroying the Town could not benefit us; and that he saw no Prospect whatever of establishing ourselves in this Country, as there was not a Friend to the English in it; that the Number of our Prisoners the Enemy had were in the Power of an enraged Mob; and that persisting on our Part would make their Situation truly distressing; the Number of our Killed and Wounded, although not exactly ascertained, was said to be very great. Under these Circumstances, and being persuaded that the People of this Country did not wish to be under the British Government, I signed the Preliminaries, trusting that what I have done will meet their Lordships' Approbation.

I have directed Captain Prevost, of the *Saracen*, to be ready to proceed to England as soon as General White Locke's Dispatches are ready, and to receive Sir Samuel Achmuty for a Passage, with Colonel Bourke, who carries the General's Dispatches.

I have not yet had any Returns from Captains Rowley or Joyce, who are still with the *Scamers* that landed; but Lieutenant Squarey, of the *Polyphemus*, who was with his Men in the *Advance Brigade*, I took off yesterday wounded, but not badly; he informs me that only One of his Men is missing.

GEORGE MURRAY.

*Head Quarters, Plaza de Toros,*  
July 7, 1807.

SIR,

WE have the Honour to acquaint you, that actuated alone by the Motives stated to you by Major-General Leveson Gower, we consent to the Terms proposed.

Officers shall be named to meet others appointed by you, to make immediate Arrangements for the