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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been received by Viscount Castlereagh, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Admiral Gambier and Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable Lord Cathcart, K. T. the Commanders of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces in the Baltic Sea:

*Prince of Wales, Copenhagen-Road,
September 7, 1807.*

MY LORD, My Letter of the 5th Instant, will inform your Lordship of the Progress of the Operations of His Majesty's Forces against Copenhagen to that Period. I have now the Honour and Satisfaction to add, that previous to the Hour intended for opening our Batteries on that Night, an Officer with a Flag of Truce came out from the Town, with Proposals for an Armistice to settle Terms of Capitulation. This was accordingly done, after a Correspondence * between the Danish General and Lord Cathcart and myself, of which I transmit a Copy; and your Lordship will be informed of the Stipulations agreed upon by the inclosed Copy of the Articles †.

Our Army has accordingly been put in Possession of the Citadel and the Arsenal, and the most vigorous Exertions are commenced for equipping and sending to England the Danish Navy.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

J. GAMBIER.

To the Viscount Castlereagh, &c. &c. &c.

* Given in Lord Cathcart's Dispatch.

† The Articles are in Lord Cathcart's Dispatch.

My LORD, Citadel of Copenhagen, Sept. 8, 1807.

IT has fallen to my Lot to have the great Satisfaction of forwarding to your Lordship the ratified Capitulation of the Town and Citadel of Copen-

hagen, including the Surrender of the Danish Fleet and Arsenal in this Port, which are placed at His Majesty's Disposal.

The Object of securing this Fleet having been attained, every other Provision of a Tendency to wound the Feelings or irritate the Nation has been avoided; and although the Bombardment and Cannonade have made considerable Havock and Destruction in the Town, not one Shot was fired into it till after it was summoned, with the Offer of the most advantageous Terms, nor a single Shot after the first Indication of a Disposition to capitulate; on the contrary, the Firing which lasted Three Nights from His Majesty's Batteries was considerably abated on the 2d, and was only renewed on the 3d to its full Vigour, on supposing from the Quantity of Shells thrown from the Place that there was a Determination to hold out.

On the Evening of the 5th September, a Letter was sent by the Danish General, to propose an Armistice of Twenty-four Hours for preparing an Agreement on which Articles of Capitulation might be founded. The Armistice was declined as tending to unnecessary Delay, and the Works were continued; but the Firing was countermanded, and Lieutenant-Colonel Murray was sent to explain that no Proposal of Capitulation could be listened to, unless accompanied by the Surrender of the Fleet.

This Basis having been admitted by a subsequent Letter, on the 6th, Major-General Sir A. Wellesley, whom I had sent for, for this Purpose, from his Command in the Country, where he had distinguished himself in a Manner so honourable to himself and so advantageous to the Public, was appointed, with Sir Home Popham and Lieutenant-Colonel Murray to prepare and sign Articles of Capitulation; and those Officers having insisted on proceeding immediately to Business, the Capitulation was drawn up in the Night between the 6th and 7th.