

to a Co-operation with the Troops of that Nation, and a consequent frequent Communication with the Town of Nyborg. To place your Excellency as much at ease as possible respecting the Line of Conduct that may be adopted in the present Event by the English Admiral commanding in the Belt, notwithstanding the Hostility of this Day, I have the Honour to inform you, that I have given the strictest Orders to all under my Command, to observe towards the Inhabitants of Nyborg the utmost Civility; and it is my Wish to abstain from every hostile and offensive Act, so long as no hostile and offensive Measures are pursued by the Troops of Denmark or France against those of Spain; but if any Opposition should be attempted either by the Danes or French to the peaceable and unoffending Object in view, namely, the quiet Embarkation of the Spanish Troops, I shall certainly, though most reluctantly, take Measures which it is to be apprehended might occasion the Destruction of the Town of Nyborg.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) R. G. KEATS.

To His Excellency the Governor of the
Town of Nyborg.

*Hound, Nyborg Harbour,
August 10, 1808.*

SIR,

IT must be evident to your Excellency, that as my Entrance into the Harbour of Nyborg was hostilely opposed, I am bound by no absolute Law or Usage to abstain from Hostilities, and to respect the Property of the Inhabitants. But although neither one nor the other could be better secured

than by the Word of a British Officer, still it must be evident to your Excellency that under existing Circumstances the Spanish General has Occasion for several of the small Craft in Port, and that unless the Masters and Crews of them will lend their Aid to equip and navigate their Vessels, it may *not be in my Power* to secure them from Injury; but if they will, I pledge myself, after the Service on which they are required (and which will be of short Duration) shall have been ended, that I will not only use every Means in my Power to secure them from Injury, but grant Passports to them all to return in Safety.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) R. G. KEATS.

To His Excellency the Governor of the
Town of Nyborg.

SIR, *Superb, off Langeland, August 13, 1808.*

I HAVE detained the Euryalus a few Hours, for the further Satisfaction of assuring their Lordships that the whole of the Spanish Troops taken off by His Majesty's Ships at Nyborg, will be landed in the Course of this Afternoon at Langeland.

A Convention has been entered into between His Excellency the Marquis de la Romana and the Governor of the Island, which, on one Hand, enjoins Abstinence from Hostility, and on the other, a sufficient Supply of Provisions, provided the Island, which is fertile, can produce it.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed) R. G. KEATS.

The Hon. W. W. Pole, &c. &c. &c.

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