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Copy of a Letter from the Honourable Michael De Courcy, Rear-Admiral of the White, to the Hon. William Wellesley Pole, dated on board His Majesty's Ship the Tonnant, at Corunna, the 17th and 18th Instant.

SIR,

January 17, 1809.

HAVING it in Design to detach the Cossack to England as soon as her Boats shall cease to be essential to the Embarkation of Troops, I seize a Moment to acquaint you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Ships of War, as per Margin*, and Transports, under the Orders of Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood and Commissioner Bowen, arrived at this Anchorage from Vigo on the 14th and 15th Instant; the Alfred and Hindostan, with some Transports, were left at Vigo to receive a Brigade of Three Thousand Five Hundred Men, that had taken that Route under the Generals Alten and Crawford.

* Ville de Paris, Victory, Barfleur, Zealous, Implacable, Elizabeth, Norge, Plantagenet, Resolution, Audacious, Endymion, Mediator.

In the Vicinity of Corunna the Enemy have pressed upon the British in great Force. The Embarkation of the Sick, the Cavalry, and the Stores went on. The Night of the 16th was appointed for the general Embarkation of the Infantry; and, mean Time, the Enemy prepared for Attack. At Three P. M. an Action commenced; the Enemy, which had been posted on a lofty Hill, endeavouring to force the British on another Hill of inferior Height, and nearer the Town.

The Enemy were driven back with great Slaughter; but very sorry am I to add, that the British, though triumphant, have suffered severe Losses. I am unable to communicate further Particulars, than that Sir John Moore received a mortal Wound, of which he died at Night; that Sir David Baird lost an Arm; that several Officers and many Men have been killed and wounded; and that the Ships of War have received all such of the latter as they could accommodate, the Remainder being sent to Transports.

The Weather is now tempestuous, and the Difficulties of Embarkation are great. All except the Rear-Guard are embarked; consisting perhaps at the present Moment of Two Thousand Six Hun-