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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, were last Night received at the Office of Lord Viscount Callereagh, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-General the Earl of Chatham, dated Middelburgh, 2d and 3d August 1809.

*Head-Quarters, Middelburgh,
2d August 1809.*

MY LORD,

IHAVE the Honour of acquainting your Lordship, that, having sailed from the Downs early in the Morning of the 28th Ult. with Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Strachan, in His Majesty's Ship Venerable, we arrived the same Evening, and anchored in East Capelle Roads, and were joined on the following Morning by the Division of the Army under Lieutenant-General Sir John Hope. It blew in the Course of that Day a fresh Gale from the Westward, which created a heavy Swell, and the small Craft being much exposed, it was determined to seek Shelter for them in the Anchorage of the Room Pot, where Lieutenant-General Sir John Hope's Division was also directed to proceed, in order to possess such Points as might be necessary to secure the Anchorage; as well as with a View to future Operations up the East Scheldt.

The left Wing of the Army under Lieutenant-General Sir Eyre Coote, particularly destined for the Operation against Walcheren, arrived on the 29th and Morning of the 30th, but the Wind continuing to blow fresh from the Westward, and occasioning a great Surf on the Beach, both on the Side of Zoutland, as well as near Domburg, it became expedient in order to effect a Landing, to carry the whole Fleet through the narrow and difficult Passage into the Veer Gat, hitherto considered impracticable for large Ships; which being successfully accomplished, and the necessary Preparations for Debarkation being completed, I have the Satisfaction of acquainting your Lordship, that the Troops landed on the Bree-

Sand about a Mile to the Westward of Fort der Haak, without Opposition, when a Position was taken up for the Night on the Sand Hills, with East Capelle in Front. Lieutenant-General Fraser was detached immediately to the Left against Fort der Haak and Ter Vere, the former of which on his Approach was evacuated by the Enemy, but the Town of Vere, which was strong in its Defences, and had a Garrison of about Six Hundred Men, held out till Yesterday Morning, notwithstanding the heavy and well-directed Fire of the Bomb-Vessels and Gun-Boats during the preceding Day, and until the Place was closely invested.

Early on the Morning of the 31st, a Deputation from Middelburgh, from whence the Garrison had been withdrawn into Flushing, having arrived in Camp, Terms of Capitulation were agreed upon, Copies of which I have the Honour herewith to enclose, as well as that of the Garrison of Ter Vere; and the Divisions of the Army, under the Orders of Lieutenant-General Lord Paget and Major-General Graham, moved forward, and took up a Position with the Right to Maliskirke, the Centre at Gryperskirke, and Left to St. Laurens.

On the Morning of the 1st Instant, the Troops advanced to the Investment of Flushing, which Operation was warmly contested by the Enemy. In this Movement he was driven by Major-General Graham's Division on the Right, from the Batteries of the Dykeshook, the Vyeter, and the Nole, while Brigadier-General Houston's Brigade forced the Enemy posted on the Road from Middelburgh to retire, with the Loss of Four Guns, and many killed and wounded. Lieutenant-General Lord Paget's Division also drove in the Poits of the Enemy, and took up his Position at West Zouberg.

Nothing could exceed the Gallantry of the Troops throughout the whole of this day, and my warmest Praise is due to the several General Officers for their

judicious Disposition in the Advance of their respective Columns. To Lieutenant-General Sir Eyre Coote I feel much indebted for his Exertions in this Service, and the prompt and able Manner in which he has executed my Orders. The Light Troops under Brigadier-General Baron Rottenburg have been admirably conducted; and with the Officers commanding the several Corps engaged I have every Reason to be most perfectly satisfied. The 3d Battalion of the Royals, and Flank Companies of the 5th Regiment, maintained the Right, under difficult Circumstances, with great Gallantry, and killed and wounded a great many of the Enemy.

Ter Vere being in our Possession, Lieutenant General Frazer's Division marched in the Evening upon Ruttern, detaching a Corps for the Reduction of Ramakens, which, when effected, will complete the Investment of Flushing.

I have to regret the temporary Absence of Brigadier-General Browne, who was wounded late in the Day, but I trust not to be long deprived of his Services.

I have the Honour to inclose a Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing. Deeply as the Fall of every British Soldier is at all times to be lamented, the Loss will not appear to have been great, when the serious Impediments, it was in the Power of the Enemy to oppose to our Progress are considered, as well as the formidable State of the Batteries of Flushing, to which the Troops were necessarily exposed.

The Pressure of Circumstances has prevented the Commanding Officer of Artillery from furnishing a detailed Account of the Guns and Ordnance Stores taken in the several Batteries, and Forts of Ter Vere, but which will be hereafter transmitted, with a Return of the Prisoners taken since our landing, supposed to amount to One Thousand. Commodore Owen's Squadron, with Lieutenant-General the Marquis of Huntley's Division, remains at Anchor in the Wieling Passage, and the Divisions of Lieutenant-General the Earl of Roslyn, and Lieutenant-General Grosvenor, are arrived at the Anchorage in the Vere Gat.

I cannot conclude without expressing in the strongest Terms, my Admiration of the distinguished Ability with which the Fleet was conducted through the Passage into the Vere Gat, nor can the Advantages resulting from the Success of this Operation be too highly estimated, as by it we were not only enabled to effect a Disembarkation, which, in the then State of the Wind, was impracticable in any other Quarter, but also that the Enemy, probably relying on the Difficulty of the Navigation, was less prepared for Resistance. I must also warmly acknowledge the great Assistance the Service has derived from the zealous Exertions of the Officers of the Navy, and of the Seamen employed, in drawing a considerable proportion of the Artillery through a heavy Sand, and without whose Aid, the Advance of the Army must necessarily have been suspended, the Strength of the Tide rendering the landing of the Horses for a Time extremely difficult.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHATHAM.

P. S. Since writing the above Letter, I have received intelligence from Lieutenant-General Sir J.

Hope, that the Reserve of the Army had effected their landing on South Beveland, and that a Detachment had occupied the Town of Goes.

(Signed) CHATHAM.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION entered into for the Surrender of the Town of Middelburgh to His Britannic Majesty's Forces, in consequence of a Deputation from the *Præses* and *Burgomasters* for that Purpose.

Art. I. Security to be granted to every Person, public Functionaries, private Persons, Citizens, and Inhabitants, whatever their political Opinions may have been or now are.

Answer.—Granted, provided they conduct themselves as peaceable Citizens, and conform to such Regulations as will be hereafter established by the Authority of the British Government.

Art. II. Protection to all Property without Exception whatsoever.

Answer.—Granted, as far as relates to private Property; all public Property is to be accounted for to such Commissioners as will be named by the General commanding His Britannic Majesty's Forces.

Art. III. The armed Citizens or other Inhabitants who may have taken up Arms, or done Military Duty to maintain public Tranquillity, to be protected in their Persons and Property, and permitted to return to their Dwellings.

Answer.—Granted, upon Condition that their Arms are given to such Persons as will be duly authorized to receive them.

Art. IV. Public Functionaries and their Families to be permitted, if they desire it, to return to any other Part of the Kingdom of Holland.

Art. V. Inhabitants who are absent from their Houses, to be permitted to return with their Property.

Answer.—Granted, subject to the Restriction specified in the first Article.

Art. VI. The Troops to be quartered in Barracks.

Answer.—This must be determined according to Circumstances, but every Care will be taken to render the quartering as little burdensome to the Inhabitants as possible.

Art. VII. Should any misunderstanding take place relating to the foregoing Articles, they will be explained in Favour of the Town and Inhabitants.

Answer.—Granted.

Art. VIII. The above Article to be also extended to all Parts of this Department which may not have obtained equally favourable Terms.

Answer.—This Article to apply in the present Instance to the Town of Middelburgh alone; but no Difficulty will be made to grant the same advantageous Terms to any Town that will surrender in like Manner without Opposition.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE.

All Military Sick in Hospital, to remain where they are at present, and to be taken Care of; on Recovery to be permitted to Return to their Corps.

Answer.—The Sick are to be taken Care of by

their own Medical People, but must be considered as Prisoners of War.

(Signed) C. G. BEDLEELD.
P. G. SCHORER,
J. M. VANKHOOR.
H. VAN DE MERDENE.

Agreed to by me, conformably to the Powers vested in me by Lieutenant-General the Earl of Chatham, K. G. Commander of His Britannic Majesty's Forces.

(Signed) EYRE COOTE, Lieut. Gen.
Heights of Bree Sand, this 31st Day of July 1809.

PROPOSAL of a CAPITULATION, by the Commandant of the Forts of Veer, to His Excellency Lieutenant-General M. Fraser, commanding the Besieging Army before Veer, and to Captain Richardson, the Senior Naval Officer on Shore.

Art. I. The Garrison of Veer shall be allowed to quit one of the Gates of the Town with all the Honours of War, and ground their Arms upon the Glacis, and they shall not be allowed to serve against His Britannic Majesty or his Allies, until they have been regularly exchanged, and the Troops shall be sent to some Dutch Place in Holland, at the Expence of His Majesty. The Officers shall keep their Swords, Horses, and Property, and the Soldiers their Knapsacks.

Answer.—Agreed to, excepting that the Garrison is to be considered generally as Prisoners of War, and shall be disposed of as the British Government shall think proper, and as is customary on such Occasions.

Art. II. From this Moment until the Evacuation of the Forts, the Troops of both Armies shall remain in their present Position.

Answer.—Granted.

Art. III. All Hostilities shall cease from both Sides, and no Preparation of Attack or Defence shall be carried on.

Answer.—Granted.

Art. IV. All the Artillery and Stores shall be delivered over by the Commissaries appointed from both Sides.

Answer.—Agreed to, considering that in this Article the Surrender of Public Property of all Description is included.

Art. V. All the Sick and Wounded shall be left to the Humanity of the General until their Recovery.

Answer.—Granted.

Art. VI. The Inhabitants of the Town of Veer shall continue to enjoy all their Privileges, and their particular Property shall be respected, and shall, if they choose, be allowed to leave the Place. This Privilege shall likewise be granted to all the Women of the Garrison.

Answer.—Granted.

(Signed) A. M. FRASER, Lieut.-Gen. commanding the Troops before Veer.
CNA. RICHARDSON, Senior Naval Officer.

(Signed) V. BOGART, Commandant of the Garrison of Veer.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) T. CAREY, Lieut.-Col. M.A. Secy.
Veer, Aug. 1, 1809.

Prisoners taken at Ter Veer.

Artillery—1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants, 7 Sergeants, 9 Corporals, 6 Fireworkers, 5 Artificers, 65 Gunners, 1 Drummer.
Infantry—4 Captains, 4 First-Lieutenants, 5 Second Lieutenants, 4 Serjeant-Majors, 13 Sergeants, 4 Fouriers, 10 Drummers, 3 Pipers, 328 Soldiers.
Naval of the French Gun-Brig *Gawien*—1 Captain, 1 Master, 17 Sailors, 1 Boy,—1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, 13 Privates (serving as Marines).
Total 519.

(A true Copy.) T. CAREY, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Military Secretary.

Return of the Rank and Names of Officers, and of the Number of Non-Commissioned Officers and Rank and File, killed, wounded, and missing, in the Island of Walcheren, from the Time of Landing on the Evening of the 30th July, to the 1st of August inclusive.

Middelburg, 2d August, 1809.

Royal Artillery—3 Rank and File wounded.
3d Batt. 1st Foot—1 Lieutenant, 1 Drummer, 6 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 6 Sergeants, 75 Rank and File, wounded; 6 Rank and File missing.
1st Batt. 5th Foot—4 Rank and File killed; 3 Sergeants, 16 Rank and File, wounded; 10 Rank and File missing.
1st Batt. 26th Foot—Return not received; supposed to have none.
1st Batt. 32d Foot—1 Serjeant, 1 Rank and File, killed; 2 Sergeants, 5 Rank and File, wounded.
2d Batt. 35th Foot—4 Rank and File killed; 2 Captains, 14 Rank and File, wounded; 11 Rank and File missing.
51st Foot—1 Rank and File killed; 1 Rank and File wounded.
68th Foot—1 Drummer, 10 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 24 Rank and File, wounded.
1st Batt. 71st Foot—Return not received; supposed to have about 25 killed and wounded.
2d Batt. 81st Foot—2 Rank and File killed; 1 Rank and File wounded.
2d Batt. 82d Foot—11 Rank and File killed; 2 Lieutenants, 2 Sergeants, 21 Rank and File, wounded.
85th Foot—1 Serjeant, 2 Rank and File, killed; 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 19 Rank and File, wounded; 7 Rank and File missing.
95th Foot—5 Rank and File wounded.
Embodied Detachments—Return not received.

Staff.

26th Foot—1 Captain wounded.
40th Foot—1 Brigadier-General ditto.
62d Foot—1 Captain ditto.

Total—1 Officer, 2 Serjeants, 2 Drummers, 41 Rank and File, killed; 13 Officers, 15 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 184 Rank and File, wounded; 34 Rank and File missing.

Names of Officers killed and wounded.

Killed.

3d Batt. 1st Foot—Lieutenant D. McLean.

Wounded.

3d Batt. 1st Foot—Captain John Wilson, Lieutenant Jackson, and Volunteer J. P. Drury, slightly.

2d Batt. 35th Foot—Captain Tiffell, slightly; Captain Frederick, dangerously.
 68th Foot—The Names of the 3 Officers wounded, not specified in the Return.
 2d Batt. 82d Foot—Lieutenant Reed, slightly; Lieutenant Pratt, dangerously.
 85th Foot—The Name of the Officer wounded, not mentioned in the Return.

Staff.

26th Foot—Captain Fotheringham, Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General, slightly.
 40th Foot—Brigadier-General Browne, slightly.
 62d Foot—Captain Browne, Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier-General Houston, slightly.

ROBERT LONG, Col. Adj. Gen.

Middleburgh, 3d August, 1809.

MY LORD,

SINCE my Letter of Yesterday's Date, I have received Intelligence from Lieutenant-General Sir John Hope, of his having occupied Batz, and taken Possession of the whole Island of South Beveland.

I have also the Satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship, that upon the Batteries being prepared to open, the Fortress of Ramakins surrendered this Evening, and I have the Honour to inclose the Articles of Capitulation.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHATHAM.

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

TERMS of CAPITULATION of the Fortresses of Ramakins, 3d August, 1809.

Art. I. The Garrison surrenders Prisoners of War, with every Thing that belongs to the Fortresses, whether Ammunition, Cannon, or Government Stores belonging to the French and Dutch, of every Sort and Kind.

Art. II. The Garrison will lay down their Arms this Moment; and are to be disposed of as the British Government chooses, and as has been the Custom of War.

Art. III. The Officers will be allowed to keep their Swords, and will, with their Soldiers, be permitted to keep their private Baggage.

(Signed) ALEX. M. FRASER, Lieutenant-General, commanding His Britannic Majesty's Troops before Ramakins.

WOUNIER, Captain-Commandant.

(A true Copy.) T. CAREY, Lieut. Col. Mil. Sec.

Strength of the Garrison.

2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 7 Corporals,
 2 Drummers, 111 Privates.
 Total 127.

Admiralty-Office, August 7, 1809.

LIEUTENANT JAMES DUNCAN, commanding His Majesty's Hired Cutter the *Idas*, arrived Yesterday Evening at this Office with Dispatches from Sir Richard John Strachan, Bart. and K. B. Rear-Admiral of the White, &c. addressed to the Ho-

nourable William Wellefley Pole, of which the following are Copies.

*Venerable, off the Veer Gat,
 August 4, 1809.*

SIR,

YOU have been already acquainted that I had hoisted my Flag in the *Amethyst*, and that it was my Intention to have preceded the Expedition, in Company with the *Venerable*, on board which Ship Lord Shatham had embarked; but finding the public Service might suffer from the Commanders in Chief being separated, I therefore shifted to the *Venerable*, and sailed from the Downs at Daylight on the 28th Ultimo.

I have now to acquaint you, for their Lordships' Information, of my Arrival on the Evening of that Day in the *Stone Deeps*, with the *Amethyst* and several smaller Vessels, where I was joined by the *Figgard*, Captain Bolton, who had with great Judgment placed Vessels on the various Shoals off this Coast. After Dark, Lieutenant Groves of this Ship, with some skilful Pilots in Deal Boats, were dispatched to sound the Roompot Channel, and to station Vessels at its Entrance.

Early next Morning, the 29th, the Division of Lieutenant-General Sir John Hope, conducted by Captain Bathurst in the *Salsette*, joined me, as did also Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Keats in the *Superb*. This zealous Officer had the Command of the blockading Squadron off the Entrance of the Scheld, but observing the Armament pass, he, with his usual Promptitude, left that Squadron under the Orders of Lord Gardner, and resumed the Charge of Sir John Hope's Division; I therefore directed the Rear-Admiral to shift his Flag to the *Salsette*, and to proceed to the Roompot.

The Entrance to that Channel is very narrow, and as I was aware of Sir Home Popham's local Knowledge of the insular Navigation before me, I entrusted to that Officer the Service of leading Sir Richard Keats' Division in, and which he did with great Skill in the *Sabrina*, Captain Kittoe; the whole were anchored in Safety opposite *Zeerickzee*, situated between the Islands of *Schowen* and *North Beveland*.

That Afternoon Rear-Admiral Otway, with the Left Wing of the Army, under Sir Eyre Coote, joined me in the *Stone Deeps*, but it blew too fresh to have any Communication.

On the Morning of the 30th, Sir Home Popham returned with a Letter from Sir Richard Keats, acquainting me that the Division under his Charge were all safely anchored; and I was likewise informed that there was sufficient Space in the Roompot to contain all the Ships, to which Anchorage Sir Home Popham undertook to conduct them; and as it blew fresh, with all the Appearance of an approaching Gale, the Squadron was instantly got under Sail, and led in by the *Venerable*, when they all came to in Safety off the *Veer Gat*.

As soon as the Ships were secured, Measures were instantly taken to prepare to land the Army on the Island of *Walcheren*. I did not wait for the Gun-Boats coming up, but ordered those who happened to be near the *Venerable*, together with the Mortar Brigs, to push in Shore to cover the landing, and to force the *Derhaak Battery*.

At Half past Four the Boats put off under the



Direction of Lord Amelius Beauclerc, of the Royal Oak, and Captain Cockburn of the Belleisle, and the Troops were landed in excellent Order without Opposition; the firing from the Mortar and Gun Vessels having driven the Enemy completely from the Derhaak Battery.

Having thus accomplished this First Object, I lost no Time in directing the Bombs and Gun Vessels to proceed up the Veere Gat, off Camvere, and having given Sir Home Popham, who at the Request of Lord Chatham had remained on Shore with his Lordship. Permission to employ them as the Service might require, he the next Morning began to cannonade Camvere, which had been summoned, but held out. The Fire of the Gun Boats was exceedingly well directed, and did much Damage to the Town.

The Officers and Crews engaged in that Service had a great Claim to my Admiration for their Conduct. Three of our Gun Boats were sunk. In the Afternoon it blew fresh, and as the Strength of the Tide prevented the Bombs from acting, I directed the Flotilla to fall back, preserving a menacing Position.

At Night, Captain Richardson of the Cæsar, who was in the Dyke on Shore, threw some Rockets at the nearest Battery of Camvere, and soon after the Commanding Officer of the Town sent out an Offer to surrender. A Copy of the Terms acceded to by Lieutenant-General Frazer, and Captain Richardson, the senior Naval Officer on the Spot, accompanies this Letter*.

The Army under Sir John Hope landed at South Beveland on the 1st of this Month, and by a Letter from Sir Richard Keats, of Yesterday's Date, I find the whole of the Island is in our Possession, the Enemy's Ships are all above Lillo, and those most advanced, as high up as Antwerp.

We are getting our Flotilla through the Slough into the Western Scheld, to prevent Succours being thrown into Flushing by the Canal of Ghent.

When the Rammekins Battery is taken, we hope to pass the lighter Vessels to the Western Scheld, for the Purpose of following up the other Objects of the Expedition.

I cannot conclude this Letter without acknowledging the Assistance I have received from Rear-Admiral Otway; and how much I approve of the Arrangements, he made for landing the Division under Sir Eyre Coote, which was carried into effect by Lord Amelius Beauclerc, and Captain Cockburn, with much Skill and Activity. Sir Richard Keats, in the Execution of the arduous Duties he has had to perform, has shewn his accustomed Zeal and Judgment.

The Captains, Officers and Crews of His Majesty's Ships are indefatigable in the Execution of their respective Duties, and I have much Pleasure in adding, that there is a most perfect Co-operation of the Army and Navy.

I have, &c.

R. J. STRACHAN.

P. S. I send this by Lieutenant Duncan, whose Cutter, the Idas, was close in Shore, and covered the landing.

* See the Dispatches from Lieutenant-General the Earl of Chatham.

*Venerable, off the Veer Gatt,
5th August, 1809.*

SIR,

IT is with great Satisfaction that I am enabled to enclose, for their Lordships' Information, a Copy of the Capitulation of the Fort of Rammekins*, which surrendered to His Majesty's Forces, under Lieutenant-General Frazer, Yesterday Afternoon.

The Possession of this Post is of great Importance to our further Operations in the West Scheld, as it will enable me, without Molestation, to advance the whole of the Flotilla, together with the Camilla and Pallas, by the Slough, and which I trust will effectually prevent any Succours being thrown into Flushing, either from Cadland, or by the Ghent Channel.

I have also the Honour of forwarding Copies of Sir Richard Keats' Accounts of his Proceedings in South Beveland, by which their Lordships will perceive that the Operations of the combined Force under the Rear-Admiral and Sir John Hope have been very successful, and that the important Post of Bathz has been evacuated by the Enemy.

I came here to forward this Dispatch to England, and shall leave the Command of this Division with Rear-Admiral Otway, and return to the Flotilla, which I conclude is now investing Flushing.

It is my Intention to hoist my Flag in one of the small Vessels in the Slough, that I may be near the Head-Quarters of Lord Chatham, and to conduct the various Services in the West Scheld.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

R. J. STRACHAN.

Honourable W. W. Pole.

* See the Dispatches from Lieutenant-General the Earl of Chatham.

*Sabrina, off South Beveland,
August 1, 1809.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Satisfaction to inform you that Sir John Hope and Seven Thousand of his Division of the Army were landed on South Beveland this Afternoon, since which I have been informed by Message from him, that he was met on his Approach towards Goes, by the Magistrates, into which Place he is at Liberty to enter whenever he pleases. Three of the Enemy's Ships of the Line, and Six Brigs are at Anchor off the East End of South Beveland, the others I conclude have moved higher up the Scheld.

Three of the Four Sloops I brought up with me struck in coming up. I have hoisted my Flag in the Sabrina, and am not without Hopes of getting the remaining Parts of the Division on shore, and most Part of the Army supplied To-morrow.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed)

R. G. KEATS.

Half-past Seven, P. M.—The Substance of this Letter was sent by Telegraphic Communication from the Sabrina, at Five o'Clock. The Six Brigs are getting under Sail, and moving up the Scheld apparently, but the Ships of the Line are still fast.

Sabrina, off Wemeldinge, Aug. 3, 1809.

SOON after I landed I was informed by Letter from Sir John Hope, that Bathz had been evacuated in the Night; and as he informed me the Communi-

ation was open between Walcheren and this Island, and he had sent to Lord Chatham an Account of the Evacuation, I concluded you would hear it from thence, and went on to Bathz with a view to make

Observations, and from which I am this Moment returned.

R. G. KEATS.

*Rear-Admiral Sir R. J. Strachan,
Bart. &c. &c.*

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