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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