

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