

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 Caesar, 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-