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A DISPATCH of which the following is a Copy, has been received at the Office of Viscount Castlereagh, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-General the Earl of Chatham, K. G. dated Head-Quarters, Middleburg, August 11, 1809.

*Head-Quarters, Middleburg,
 11th August 1809.*

MY LORD,

I RECEIVED Yesterday Evening your Lordship's Dispatch of the 8th Instant, by the Messenger Mills; and I must entreat of your Lordship, to offer my most dutiful Acknowledgements to His Majesty, for the gracious Approbation he has been pleased to express of my humble Endeavours in his Service; and I shall feel the greatest Satisfaction in communicating to Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, and the General and other Officers, and the Troops employed here under my Command, the Sense which His Majesty entertains of their meritorious Conduct in the Services in which they have been engaged, as well as the Confidence His Majesty feels in their future good Conduct, and which I trust they will not disappoint.

The Enemy has continued to give what Interruption he could to the Progress of our Works; but since the Date of my last Letter, he has attempted no Sortie in any Force. He has endeavoured to cause us some Embarrassment by opening the Sluices at Flushing, and letting in the Salt Water, but this

has been attended as yet with little Inconvenience; as the necessary Precautions for letting off the Water through the Sluices in our Possession at this Place and at Veer, I have no doubt will be found effectual. The several Batteries will probably be ready to open on the Place either the 12th or 13th; and I shall look with great Anxiety to the Result, as the speedy Reduction of Flushing (particularly under present Appearances) is of the last Importance, as till then so very large a Portion of the Force under my Command is unavoidably detained before it.

The Divisions of Lieutenant-General Lord Rosslyn and Lieutenant-General Lord Huntly, were according to the Intention I mentioned in my last Letter, landed in South Beveland, on the Morning of the 9th Instant, but I am sorry to say that the Division of Transports, with the Cavalry and Artillery Horses, the Heavy Ordnance, Ammunition, and Stores of all Descriptions, have not yet been brought through the Slow Passage. The Moment they appear, it is my Intention to proceed towards Batz; but as till then no Operation can be undertaken, I have thought my Presence here was more useful.

A large Portion of the Flotilla has proceeded up the River to Batz, on which Place I learn that the Enemy had again made an Attack but had been repulsed by the Guns of the Fort.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHATHAM.

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