

row sandy Isthmus, of Three Miles in length, which joins it to the Island, and it has, besides, a direct Communication with the Town by a singularly narrow Causeway, nearly a Mile in Length. The Neck of Land is defended by Two strong Redoubts, and an Intrenchment regularly constructed, and capable of such a Resistance as led the Enemy to declare they would arrest our Progress for a Month at least. Lieutenant-Colonel Lowe being left to watch the Enemy's Movements from the Town, supported by Colonel Wilder and Two Battalions, I proceeded with a Portion of Light Infantry to reconnoitre the Isthmus. Major Church, I found, had already, with Four Companies of the Greek Light Infantry, gallantly carried the first Redoubt; the Enemy retiring upon his next Intrenchments, where he remained in Force, assiduously employed in completing its Defence. It was obvious that no Time ought to be lost in carrying this Work; accordingly the Battalion of Detachments under Major Clarke, 55th Regiment, was called from the Town to support the Attack, which previous Success and the best apparent Disposition induced me to confide to the Greek Light Infantry. Captain Eyre, who did me the Honour to land with the Troops, directed His Majesty's Ship Leonidas to be placed so as to favour the Assault. Captain Brisbane, R. N. who was also on Shore, conveyed this Order and our Intentions to Captain Griffiths.

The Line to be attacked extended from Sea to Sea, mounted with Four Pieces of Cannon well flanked; had a wet Ditch and Abbatis in Front; manned by about Five Hundred Infantry; and was so defiled from the Sea as to render it almost secure from the Fire of the Shipping. His Majesty's Ship Leonidas came to Anchor as close as the Water would admit of; meanwhile the Troops formed in Columns approached, and were to a certain Distance covered by the Ground. On opening the Front of the Work they became exposed to a heavy and well directed Fire of Grape and Musquetry. The Greeks resorted to their accustomed and in many Situations appropriate Mode of Fighting; nor could the most gallant Efforts of Major Church, Captain Tuffin (Inspectors), and others of their Officers, make them advance with that Celerity which, on similar Occasions, usually commands both Safety and Success. I am unequal to do Justice to the Exertions of my Staff, to the Officers of the Royal Artillery, and Royal Engineers who accompanied me upon this trying Occasion. Captains Eyre and Stephens, of the Royal Navy, were amongst the most animated in the Combat, and were both wounded in the Display of professional characteristic Valour. Upon finding the Head of the Column could not be brought to the Assault, I immediately directed Major Clarke to bring up the Battalion of Detachments, consisting of Two Companies of the Royal Marines under Captains Snow and Stuart, Two Companies of the Roll's under Major de Boffet, and Two Companies of the Calabrian Free Corps under Major Oswald. The Royal Marines, led by Major Clarke, and headed by their Officers, broke through the Abbatis and charged into the Intrenchments; they were nobly supported by the Roll's, under Major Boffet; and no Delicacy can prevent me from noticing the gallant Exertion of Major Oswald, in bringing forward his Corps. The Contest was not of long Duration; the Enemy fled at all Points, pursued with the

Bayonet from Work to Work; and such was his Precipitation that he not only abandoned the Camp and Cannon of the attacked Line, but left his remaining strong Position, followed by Major Clarke's Command even to the Gates of the Fortrefs. His Flight was accelerated by a previously concerted and extremely well executed Movement of Lieutenant-Colonel Lowe, with the Rifles of his Corps, supported by a Company of the 35th and Two Companies of the Royal Corsican Rangers. The Party headed by the Lieutenant-Colonel pushed along the narrow and perfectly exposed Causeway which connects the Town with the Fortrefs. This unexpected Advance led upon the Enemy's Rear, and contributed to his so quickly abandoning the strong Redoubts, which a front Attack alone could with Difficulty effect. The Lieutenant-Colonel in his Report speaks highly of the good Conduct of the Officers and Men, and states that Lieutenant Boccheciampe singularly distinguished himself by remaining, after receiving a severe Wound, to cover the Retreat of a Part of the Riflemen, whom the Enemy's Fire compelled to retire; some of whom, driven from the Dike into the Water, were missing. Thus concluded successfully Operations of the highest Import to our future Progress in the Island; and I trust that the Conduct of the Troops in storming the Works will be deemed worthy of your Excellency's Approbation. These Advantages have not been cheaply obtained; for I have been deprived of the Aid of some of the most distinguished amongst us: Captain Wynyard, Assistant Adjutant General; Major Church, Assistant Quarter-Master General, Superintendent of the Greek Light Infantry; Major Oswald, of the Calabrese Division; Captain Vincenzo, of the same Corps; and Captain Parker, of the Royal Engineers; all most meritorious and valuable Officers, are amongst the wounded. With heartfull Pleasure, I state their Wounds to be of a Nature to give Hopes that they will soon return to their respective Stations. Upon the whole, excepting Captain Vincenzo, with whose Merits your Excellency is well acquainted, our wounded of all Ranks promise speedy Recovery and no permanent Injury.

The Anxiety of Mr. Gunning, Surgeon to the Forces, to lend his immediate Aid, placed him in the Situation to become himself a Sufferer; fortunately not so much so as to prevent him from performing the Functions he so diligently and ably discharges.

It would exceed the Bounds of a Dispatch to enumerate the Merits of Individuals, but I am bound to notice the Promptness with which, at the most critical Moment, my Orders were conveyed to Major Clarke by Lieutenant Hatzenbühler, of the Royal Corsican Rangers, my Aid de Camp, an old and deserving Officer; and which afforded the Major an immediate Opportunity of greatly contributing to the Success of the Day. Mr. Foresti gave me essential Aid during the March, and in the Attack was one of the foremost in manifesting the Zeal and Courage with which His Majesty's Service upon all Occasions inspires him.

The Enemy is now pent up within his Walls, and one of the Ports we gained from him is favourably placed for commencing our Approaches, which, however, the Narrowness of the Ground renders difficult and laborious. Herewith I transmit to your Excellency Returns of our Killed, Wounded, and

