

South, and from thence to cross the Rear of the Town to the River St. Denis.

About Two o'Clock P. M. on the 7th, the several Ships having reached their Stations, the Beach from St. Marie, to within Gun-Shot of the Imperial Battery, was reconnoitred by Captain Willoughby of the Royal Navy, and Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell of His Majesty's 33d Regiment, commanding the 4th Brigade, or the Advance.

The Weather being then moderate, and the Enemy not appearing in Strength, it was determined to debark the Troops. Accordingly, Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, with One Hundred and Fifty Light Troops of his Brigade, and Captain Willoughby of the Royal Navy, commanding a Party of Seamen, and appointed to superintend the Landing, immediately pushed off, and landed their Men about Four o'Clock. Lieutenant-Colonel Macleod, of His Majesty's 69th Regiment, commanding 3d Brigade, with One Hundred and Fifty Men, effected a Landing nearly at the same Time. But at this Moment the Wind increasing with much Violence, raised the Surf to an unexpected Height, and several Boats being stove on the Beach, the Landing of more Troops that Evening became impracticable. This important Object was not, however, given up, until an Experiment, concerted with Commodore Rowley, was put in Execution. A small Transport (the Udney) was run upon the Beach, in hopes that the Troops might be enabled to land over her Stern or under her Lee. This Service was performed by Lieutenant Lloyd, 2d of the Boadicea, with the usual Intrepidity which distinguishes our Navy; but the Violence of the Weather, and natural Difficulties of the Situation, were such as to frustrate the Intention proposed.

It now became necessary, if possible, to communicate with Lieutenant-Colonel Macleod, the Senior Officer with the Detachment on Shore, which in Landing had the whole of their Ammunition damaged, and had lost a considerable Number of their Arms. Lieutenant Foulstone, of His Majesty's 69th Regiment, in the most handsome Manner volunteering to swim through the Surf, his Services were immediately accepted, and that Officer accordingly conveyed my Orders to the Lieutenant-Colonel to take Possession of, and occupy St. Marie for the Night.

This Service was performed by Lieutenant Colonel Macleod in a masterly and Officer-like Manner.

I felt much Anxiety for this Detachment during the Night; and as the Practicability of disembarking more Troops to Windward appeared to Commodore Rowley, as well as myself, very uncertain, the *Magicienne*, having on board the 2d Brigade, was dispatched about Ten o'Clock P. M. to Grand Chaloupe, to which Place it was determined that the Boadicea, with such Transports as had Military Stores on board, should follow in the Morning.

According to this Arrangement Captain Lambert of the *Iphigenia*, being left with Directions from Commodore Rowley to seize the first Moment of moderate Weather to debark that Part of the 3d Brigade then on board of his Ship; I proceeded with the Commodore in the Boadicea, on the Morning of the 8th, with the Remainder of the 3d and 4th Brigades, and effected a Landing to Leeward, at Grand Chaloupe, about Eleven o'Clock A. M.

With this Force under my immediate Command, I instantly moved forward by the Mountains; at Two o'Clock A. M. passing over the Heights, I reconnoitred the Enemy's Position, and by Four o'Clock had formed the necessary Arrangements for the Attack upon his Capital.

Major Aulten, at the Head of the 12th and 33d Grenadiers, and 12th Native Infantry, had received his final Instructions to assail the Town in the Rear.

Lieutenant-Colonels Macleod of the 69th, and Campbell of the 33d, had already passed the Enemy's strong Position on the East of the Town, from the Butot to No. 5. Redoubt.

Lieutenant-Colonel Clarges was well advanced towards the West of the Town with Five Companies of His Majesty's 69th Regiment, to force the Batteries on the Sea Face; and Lieutenant-Colonel Drummond, commanding the 2d Brigade, had reinforced with the Royal Marines of his Brigade, the Position so gallantly maintained by the 1st Brigade, on the West of the River St. Denis.

Through the Exertions of Major Taynton, commanding the Artillery, and of Captain MacIntosh of the Bombay Artillery, assisted by Lieutenant-Colonel Clarges of the 69th Regiment, and Lieutenant Lauhem of His Majesty's Ship *La Nereide*, commanding a Party of Fifty Seamen, I was enabled to get forward Two Field Pieces, and one Four and Half Inch Howitzer, which were descending the Mountain, and would have been in Action in less than half an Hour. This would have insured the Result of the premeditated Attack; or, in the Event of any Disaster, secured our Retreat, which latter was, in my Opinion, next to an Impossibility.

Affairs were thus situated, when I received a Message from the Left that the Enemy had sent out a Trumpeter, with an Officer, to demand a Suspension of Arms, and on honourable Terms to surrender the Island. There was not a Moment to be lost in saving an Enemy completely in our Power, and I accordingly issued immediate Orders for the Troops to halt.

I am sorry that my Situation prevented my communicating, agreeably to his Lordship's Orders, with Mr. Farquhar, who was on board of His Majesty's Ship Boadicea, upon the Terms which Commodore Rowley and myself deemed proper to grant to a brave though vanquished Enemy.

I should have mentioned before, that on my landing at Grand Chaloupe, I had detached Captain Hanna, with Two Companies of His Majesty's 1st Battalion 56th Regiment, to La Possessime, the Batteries of which Place he took by Assault in the most gallant Manner.

Thus, Sir, in a few Hours has this rich, extensive, and valuable Colony been added to His gracious Majesty's Dominions, with a Population of upwards of One Hundred Thousand Souls, and with a Loss on our Part comparatively trifling when the Nature of the Service is considered, a Return of which accompanies this Dispatch, with a Copy of the Capitulation.

The whole of the Service has been conducted so completely to my Satisfaction, that, where Praise is the just Claim of all, it may be considered invidious to select; however, the truly military Style, and Rapidity of the Movements of the 1st Brigade, calls