

Side, which had been much galled by the Fire of Fort Yorke and Massarene Battery, got under Weigh, and stood to the Westward, and the Column of the Enemy which had advanced on the South Side, finding their Retreat no longer covered by the Flotilla, also hung out a Flag of Truce, and I sent out an Officer to meet it. I was asked to surrender; the Reply that I returned it is unnecessary to mention. The Enemy finding my Determination, sought Permission to embark without Molestation; but I would listen to nothing but an unconditional Submission, and I have the Pleasure to inform you, that this Corps also laid down their Arms, and surrendered themselves Prisoners of War.

The Prisoners, which were now more numerous than my small Garrison, were no sooner secured, than Operations were commenced against the Reserve, which had been seen retreating to the Westward of the Island.

I took the Field with Major Torrens (who though wounded insisted on accompanying me) and Lieutenant and Adjutant Steele; but as our Prisoners were so numerous, and as we had no Place of Security in which to place them, I could only employ on this Occasion the Brigade of Howitzers under Lieutenants R. C. Steele and Bezant of the Royal Marine Artillery, and Part of the Light Company commanded by Lieutenant Turnbull. When we arrived at the West End of the Island, we found that the Enemy had formed on the Beach, and were protected by Fourteen Gun Boats towed close to the Shore; to attack such a Force, with Four Howitzers and Forty Men, seemed a useless Sacrifice of brave Men's Lives; I therefore with the Advice of Major Torrens halted on the Hills, while I reluctantly saw the Reserve embarked under Cover of the Gun-Boats, and the Flotilla take a final Leave of the Island.

I am happy to say our Loss has not been so considerable as might have been expected, from so desperate an Attack, we having only Two killed and Thirty wounded. The Enemy have suffered severely; we have buried between Thirty and Forty of their Dead, and have received in the Hospital Twenty-three of their Wounded, most of them have undergone Amputations, Three since dead of their Wounds, besides a great Number which they carried off the Field to their Boats. Major Melseat the Commandant fell in the Field; Captain Borgan, the next in Command, wounded in the Arm; Captain Prutz, Adjutant-General to the Commander of the Forces in Jutland, lost both his Legs; since dead.

The most pleasing Part of my Duty is to bear Testimony to the Zeal, Energy, and Intrepidity of the Officers and Men I had the Honour to command; to particularize would be impossible; the same Ardour inspired the whole. To Lieutenant Baker, next in Command, who will have the Honour of delivering this Dispatch, and will give you every Information you may require, I am much indebted; his Merit and Zeal as an Officer, which I have some Years been acquainted with, and his volunteering with me on this Service, claim my warmest Esteem. Captain Torrens, the senior Officer of Royal Marines, and who acted as Commandant of the Garrison, bore a conspicuous Part on this Day, and although wounded, I did not lose his valuable Service and able Support. The Discipline and State of Perfection to which he had brought the Battalion is highly creditable to him as an Officer.

Lieutenant R. C. Steele, senior Officer of Royal Marine Artillery, also claims my warmest Acknowledgements for the Arrangements he made, which enabled us to keep up so heavy and destructive a Fire. Captain Steele, Lieutenant and Quarter-Master Fischer senior Subaltern, Lieutenant and Adjutant Steele, Lieutenants Stewart, Gray, Ford, Jellico, Atkinson, and Curtayne, all merit my warmest Acknowledgements for the Assistance they afforded me. Lieutenant Bezant of the R. M. Artillery, deserves every Commendation I can give him for his cool and able Judgment in the Direction of the Guns on the Massarene Battery. Lieutenant Turnbull, who acted as Captain of the Light Company, when we pursued the Reserve, manifested such Zeal and Energy, that I have no Doubt had we brought the Enemy again to Action, he would have borne a very conspicuous part.

I cannot sufficiently express my Thanks to Captains Baker and Stewart of the Tartar and Sheldrake for their great Exertions to get round to the Flotilla; and had the Wind the least favoured them, they would have destroyed the whole.

I am happy to add that the Property belonging to the Merchants has been fully protected without meeting with the least Loss.

The Expedition sailed from the Randers, commanded by Major Melseat (an Officer of great Distinction), and consisted of the following Corps—
2d Battalion of Jutland Sharp Shooters,
4th Battalion, 2d Regiment of Jutland Yagers,
1st Regiment Jutland Infantry,
with some others, the Names of which cannot be ascertained.

I have the Honour to inclose the Article of Surrender, a Return of Killed and Wounded, and a List of Danish Officers killed and taken. Also a Return of Ordnance Stores taken.

I have the Honour to be, &c,

(Signed) J. W. MAURICE, Commandant.

To Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez,
Bart. K. B. &c. &c.

THE Commanding Officer of the Troops of His Danish Majesty, occupied in the Attack of Anholt, agrees to surrender Prisoner of War at Discretion, with all the Troops, to the Forces of His Britannic Majesty; with the Reserves that their personal Property shall be retained by them, and that, at the Convenience of the Commander of the Island of Anholt, a Cartel with unsealed Letters shall be sent to Jutland.

Given at Anholt, the 27th of March 1811.

(Signed) BORGEN, Captain and Commander in Chief of the Danish Troops on Anholt.

J. W. Maurice, Captain Royal Navy,
Governor and Commandant of the
Island of Anholt.

A Return of Killed and Wounded at the Garrison of
Anholt, March 27, 1811.

Killed.

Guestn. Brachio, Serjeant.
Anthony Lock, Private.

