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*Copy of a Letter from the Honourable Rear-Admiral Legge to John Wilson Croker, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Revenge, in Cadiz Bay, October 21, 1811.*

SIR,

I TAKE the Advantage of the Cambrian calling off this Port with a Convoy, to acquaint you for their Lordships' Information, that, in consequence of the Spanish General Ballasteros being pressed by a superior Force of the Enemy in the Vicinity of San Roque, Application was made to Major-General Cooke from the Spanish Government here to co-operate with them, in making a Diversion in his Favour, by landing a British Force at Tarrifa. Major-General Cooke having communicated the same to me, I directed the Stately, with the Columbine and Tuscan, to perform that Service, and they sailed from hence with Eight Companies of the 47th, the like Number of the 87th, a Detachment of Seventy Rank and File of the 95th Regiment, and Four Pieces of Light Artillery, with the Officers, Gunners, and Horses attached to them, in Transports, under the Command of Colonel Skerritt, on the 11th Instant; since which the Wind has blown constantly so strong from the Eastward, that the Spanish Part of the Expedition have not been able to move; but I had the Satisfaction to receive Yesterday a Letter, of which the inclosed is a Copy, from Captain Dickson, of His Majesty's Ship Stately.

I have not written so fully as I should have done, not wishing to delay the Cambrian, as she has French Prisoners under Convoy, and they are short of Water.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) A. K. LEGGE.

*His Majesty's Ship Stately, Tarrifa Bay, October 20, 1811.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you, that the whole of the Artillery and Guns were landed on the 18th Instant, and are now in the Field, in short, every Description of Stores are on Shore, and all is going on as well as possible. The Day before Yesterday the Enemy, about Fifteen Hundred strong, made his Appearance, and indicated a Disposition to advance against Tarrifa by the Pass

of Lapina. The Tuscan, with the Gun-Boat No. 14, and the whole of the Stately's Boats, under the Command of the First Lieutenant Davis, took up their Anchorage close to the Beach, and from a smart Firing kept up during the Night, the Enemy was not able to pass. Next Morning, after some manœuvring, they marched back, and we have not seen them since. This Morning Colonel Skerritt, with all the Troops, is marching after them. The easterly Gale still blows hard, but hitherto we have all rode it out very well; and I have great Pleasure in reporting to you, Sir, that the Exertions of Captains Shepheard and Jones, also Lieutenant Davis of the Stately, with Petty Officers and Seamen, in landing the Stores and Guns, meet my warmest Acknowledgment.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G. S. DICKSON, Captain.

*To the Honourable A. K. Legge, Rear-Admiral, &c. &c. &c.*

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*Extract of a Letter from Commodore Peurose to John Wilson Croker, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship San Juan, at Gibraltar, October 20, 1811.*

I HAVE little to add for their Lordships' Information since my last Letter by the Woolwich.

The French greatest Force has been Ten Thousand under General Godinot, drawn from a great Variety of Places, and only Three small Howitzers.

A British Force of One Thousand Infantry, and a Detachment of Artillery, has arrived at Tarrifa, but a strong Reinforcement of Spanish Troops has been prevented from getting up to that Place by the fresh easterly Gales; which prevent any Attempt being made to drive the Enemy from his Position.

The Inhabitants of San Roque are all under the Protection of the Guns of the Garrison, and those of Algeziras are retired to the Island and Shipping.

A Detachment of British Troops garrison that Island; a few Dragoons have entered the Town, but retired again directly.

I have now Four Gun-Boats guarding the Shore of the Bay, and they prove of the greatest Use in keeping the Enemy from the Coast: