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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, June 5, 1813.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received by the Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable Lord William Cavendish Bentinck, K. B. His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Sicily, and Commander of His Majesty's Military Forces in the Mediterranean.

MY LORD, *Palermo, April 9, 1813.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship a report from Lieutenant-Colonel Robertson, commanding at the island of Lissa, stating to me the reduction of the neighbouring islands of Agosta and Curzola, by a detachment of the garrison under his command.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. C. BENTINCK, Lieut. Gen.
The Earl Bathurst, &c. &c. &c.

MY LORD, *Lissa, February 23, 1813.*

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship, that in consequence of information having been received here, that several merchant vessels bound to this island, had been captured by a French privateer, and carried into the island of Lagosta, Admiral Fremantle and myself judged it expedient to lose no time in putting an end to a system, which was likely to become very detrimental to the prosperity of this island, and to our commercial interests in general. For this purpose I embarked on board His Majesty's frigate Apollo, commanded by Captain Taylor, on the 19th ultimo, with de-

tachments from this garrison amounting to about three hundred men, including artillery, with two six-pounders, two howitzers, and two mountain guns. The troops, together with a detachment of seamen and marines, landed on the island of Lagosta on the 21st, and marched towards the principal work, constructed by the enemy for the defence of the island, from whence the garrison opened a well-directed fire of shot and shells. As the work in question is situated on the summit of a high conical hill, commanding the town, I found it necessary to take up a favourable position, from whence I was enabled to forward the preparations necessary for the reduction of the fort. During this interval, Captains May, 35th, and Ronea, Calabries Free Corps, together with Mr. G. Bowen, First Lieutenant of His Majesty's ship Apollo, with a party of forty men, succeeded in spiking the guns of one of the enemy's lower batteries, and in destroying a magazine of provisions, both of which were within musket-shot of the fort. On this occasion a French serjeant of artillery and two soldiers were taken prisoners. Mr. Ullark, purser of His Majesty's ship Apollo, volunteered his services on both these occasions. Having received certain intelligence that a detachment of three hundred men, commanded by a Lieutenant-Colonel, had marched from Ragusa to reinforce the garrison of Lagosta, and being aware of the great difficulty which would have attended the attempt to get battering artillery on the only hill which commanded the fort, Captain Tayler and myself were induced to offer favourable conditions to the French commandant, who, after some hesitation, agreed to surrender (together with the garrison, consisting of one hundred and thirty-nine men), on the terms, a copy of which I have the honour to enclose your Lord-