

Proclamation of His Serene Highness the Prince of Orange, on his arrival at the Hague.

William Frederic, by the Gract of God, Prince of Orange and Nassau, &c. &c. &c. To all those who these presents shall see, or hear read, greeting: be it made known,

Dear Countrymen!

AFTER nineteen years of absence and suffering, I have received with heartfelt joy your unanimous invitation to come amongst you. I am now arrived, and I trust, under Divine Providence, that I shall be the means of restoring you to your ancient independence and prosperity. This is my sole object, and I have the satisfaction to assure you, that it is equally the object of the allied powers. It is in particular the wish of the Prince Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of His Government. Of this you will be convinced, by the magnanimous assistance which that powerful country is immediately going to give you, and which, I trust, will be the foundation of the renewal of those old and intimate ties of friendship and alliance which have so long made the happiness of both states.—I am come disposed and determined to forgive and forget every thing that has passed. We have all the same common object, which is to heal the wounds of our native country, and to restore it to its rank and splendor amongst nations. The revival of its trade and commerce will, I trust, be the immediate consequence of my return. All party spirit must be forever banished from amongst us. No effort shall be wanting on my part, and on that of my family to assert and secure your independence and to promote your happiness and welfare. My eldest Son, who, under the immortal Lord Wellington, has proved himself not unworthy of the fame of his ancestors, is on his way to join me. Unite therefore, dear countrymen, with heart and soul, with me, and our common country will flourish again as in the days of old, and we shall transmit, unimpaired, to our posterity the blessings we have received from our ancestors.

Given under my seal and signature, December

1813.

(Signed) W. F. Pr. of ORANGE.

By command of His Highness,

(Signed) H. FAGEL.

Admiralty-Office, December 7, 1813.

ADAMIRAL Lord Keith has transmitted to John Wilson Croker Esq., a letter from Lieutenant Gordon, commanding the Dwarf cutter, giving an

account of his having on the 4th ultimo, captured off the Córdovar, the American letter of marque schooner Charlotte, carrying two guns and eight men, bound from Bourdeaux to Charleston.

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Copy of a Letter from Captain Farquhar, of His Majesty's Ship *Desirée*, to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated off Cuxhaven, the 2d instant.

SIR,

IHAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a duplicate of a letter I have written to Admiral Young, giving a detail of the capitulation and surrender of the French batteries at Cuxhaven.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ARTHUR FARQUHAR.

His Majesty's Ship Desirée, off Cuxhaven,

SIR,

December 1, 1813.

IHAVE the honour to acquaint you, that the French batteries of Phare and Napoleon, have yesterday entered into capitulation, and this morning surrendered to a detachment of His Imperial Majesty's Russian troops, commanded by Colonel Alexander Radinger, and His Britannic Majesty's squadron (as per margin*), under my command.

On the 28th ultimo, I arrived here (from Bremerlehe), where I found Captain Green, of the *Shamrock*, had collected the squadron, to co-operate with the Russian troops. On the same evening, I ordered the gun-boats to take a position above Napoleon, and to cannonade that battery, in concert with the Russian troops, and advanced the squadron ready to attack Phare (or Cuxhaven).

On the 29th, a brisk and well directed fire was kept upon Fort Napoleon by the gun-boats, and from field-pieces from the Russian line, with considerable effect; and their tirailleurs annoyed the enemy in both batteries, by a constant fire of musketry, which was returned with vigour, and from the battery of Phare, red-hot shot were fired, which burnt several houses in the town. During this time, we were employed in landing guns from the squadron, and erecting a battery within four hundred yards of the works of Phare. On the morning of the 30th, it was completed, and presented to the enemy a formidable appearance, consisting of ten guns, viz. six eighteen-pounders, two thirty-two-pounders, and two six-pounders. The morning was quite thick and obscured our works, but as soon as it cleared, and we were ready to commence our attack, the enemy threw out a truce, which has ended in the surrender of these two extremely strong batteries, consisting of twenty-six heavy guns, two thirteen-inch mortars, and a blockhouse with a garrison of three hundred men and officers, who have been made prisoners of war.

The expedition with which Captains Green and Banks, (who had the direction of forming and completing the seamen's battery,) performed that service, I trust will speak for itself. Lieutenant

* *Desirée*, *Shamrock*, *Blazer*, *Piercer*, *Redbreast*; gun-boats, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10.