

the night, and early the following morning, in very severe weather, without any molestation from the enemy.

On returning from the shore to the *America* at sunset, I found a deputation from the Mayor and Inhabitants of the town, who had been permitted by the Commandant to come off with a flag of truce, to petition us to cease our fire from the houses, he having threatened to dislodge us by setting fire to the suburbs; as arrangements were already made for embarking, I consented to a cessation of firing on both sides till eight the next morning; a favourable circumstance for us, the troops on their march to the boats being exposed to a fire from the ramparts.

I have very great satisfaction in reporting to you the zeal and good conduct of all the officers, seamen, and marines employed on the above-mentioned services.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Catanelli every praise is due for his able and indefatigable exertions, and I feel thankful for his cordial co-operation. The conduct of the troops of the Italian Levy, both for bravery and discipline in the field, and the cheerfulness with which they endured the constant exposure in boats in the most severe weather, excited our admiration.

I am much indebted to Captain Grant for his able advice and assistance; to the Honourable Captain Dundas, who undertook the direction of the marines and seamen; and to Captain Hamilton, who volunteered his services on shore, my thanks are particularly due, for the gallant manner in which they conducted them; and I feel much indebted to the Honourable Captain Duncan for the ready and useful assistance he afforded me on every occasion. Captain Mounsey, when the landing was effected, had moved with the *Furieuse* and *Termagant* to watch the motions of three brigs of war, lying in the outer mole, but which afterwards moved into the inner one, the crews having landed to assist in the defence of the place.

Captain Dunn was indefatigable in his exertions at the landing place, and I feel called upon to notice the good conduct of the officers and crews of the boats through a continued and most fatiguing service.

I beg that I may be permitted to mention the assistance I received from Lieutenant Bazalgette, senior of this ship, a most deserving officer; and to notice the conduct of Mr. Bromley, the surgeon, who volunteered his services on shore with the troops.

I herewith enclose a list of the killed and wounded, and am happy to say our loss is much smaller than might have been expected. I have no account of that of the Italian levy, but I believe it is not considerable. There have been no correct returns of prisoners, but Captain Dundas informs me, that above three hundred have been taken in the two affairs.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Signed) JOS. ROWLEY, Captain.

Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, &c. &c. &c.

*His Majesty's Ship Edinburgh, off
Laghorn, Dec. 15, 1813.*

SIR

IN obedience to your directions, Captain Hamil-

ton and myself landed on the evening of the 13th, with the marines of His Majesty's ships named in the margin,* to co-operate with Lieutenant-Colonel Catanelli. We pushed on that evening with the advance of the maines and Italian levy, and got possession of the suburbs of the town of Leghorn. The extreme darkness of the night, and the road being nearly impassable, prevented the body of the troops joining until the morning; the moment a sufficient number had come up, in compliance with the Lieutenant-Colonel's arrangements, the Italians occupied the suburbs, and buildings close to the ramparts; the marines occupied a position on the Pisa road; as soon after day-light as possible, we reconnoitred the town; just as we had finished, and were returning from the southern part of the town, a firing was heard in the direction of the Pisa road, where we proceeded instantly, and found the marines were at that moment attacked by a considerable body of the enemy's troops, consisting of at least seven hundred men, cavalry and infantry, supported by two field pieces; the charge of the cavalry was received with great coolness by the marines, they opened and allowed them to pass, killing all but about fourteen, who, with two officers succeeded in getting through, but who were all killed or wounded, excepting one officer, by a small detachment of the Italian levy, that was formed at the entrance of the suburbs of the town. After the charge of the cavalry, the marines instantly closed and charged the enemy's infantry, and put them entirely to the rout; they lost in this affair the officers commanding their cavalry and infantry, with about from two hundred and fifty to three hundred killed, wounded, and prisoners; the remainder retreated in the greatest disorder to Pisa.

In this affair my most particular thanks are due to Captain Hamilton, who I am sorry to say is slightly wounded, as well as to Captain Beale, of the *Armada*, who commanded the marines, as also to Captains Réa and Mitchell, of the *America* and *Edinburgh*; to the other officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, all possible credit is due for repelling the attack, and putting to rout the enemy, who were certainly double their force; the marines lost on this occasion, one killed and seven wounded.

The Italian levy who were on the houses close round the ramparts, as well as those in the advance, were indefatigable in their exertions, and their bravery was truly conspicuous on all occasions. The enemy suffered by the destructive fire they kept up on the ramparts, killing or wounding those who attempted to come near the guns.

It being arranged between you and the Lieutenant-Colonel, that we should re-embark, the wounded and prisoners, with our two field guns and ammunition, were embarked at twelve o'clock last night, marched off in the best possible order, through bad roads, and incessant rain.

I beg to offer my thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Catanelli, for his attention in pointing out what he wished to be done by us to forward his plan. My thanks are due to Captain Dunn, of the *Mermaid*, for forwarding every thing from the beach to us in advance; as well as to Lieutenants Mason, of the

* *America, Armada, Edinburgh, Imperieuse, Furieuse, Rainbow, Termagant, and Mermaid.*