

in the papers accompanying your letter of the 30th May last, which I have this morning had the honour to receive from Sir Hudson Lowe, who embarks on board the Boyne; and I hope to sail in the morning for Marseilles.

Boyne, off Marseilles, July 18, 1815.

IN reference to my letter of the 3d instant, a duplicate of which accompanies this, I have the honour to acquaint you, for their Lordships' information, that we anchored in Marseilles Roads, on the evening of the 10th, with the ships named in the margin*. The following morning I went on shore, accompanied by Major-General Sir Hudson Lowe, where we were received by the Marquess de Riviere, the Members of the Royal Committee of Provence, acting in the name of His Majesty Louis the Eighteenth, and all the other Authorities, with every manifestation of joy.

On the 13th, the transports from Genoa, under convoy of the Aboukir, anchored in the Bay; the following morning the troops (about three thousand five hundred men) debarked, and have occupied such positions as the General and myself have thought most eligible. I have landed five hundred marines from the line of battle ships, who are doing duty with the army.

The loyalty of the Marseillois is very conspicuous, and the appearance of a British force, together with the arming the national guard, which the Marquess de Riviere has been enabled to accomplish through my assistance, has produced the best effect in calling forth professions of attachment to the royal cause, which their unprotected and defenceless state until now compelled them to suppress. Toulon still displays the tri-coloured flag, under Marshal Brune, and great excesses have been committed in raising contributions in that neighbourhood.

On the 13th, Marshal Murat, who is at Toulon, sent his Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant-General Rosetti, to me to propose his being received on board one of the ships for protection and safe conveyance to England. In reply, I charged this officer to inform Murat, that if he chose to go on board one of the ships off Toulon, in order to receive personal protection, it would be afforded, but that I should not enter into any engagements with him as to his destination, leaving that point to be settled by reference to England.

I have this day heard, that Murat finding (on the return of his officer) he would not be received on board a British ship on the terms which he proposed, has left Toulon, taking an Eastern route towards Piedmont.

Boyne, off Marseilles, July 24, 1815, 10 P. M.

I HASTEN to communicate to you, for the information of their Lordships, that I am this moment returned from the Pass of Olioule, whither Major-General Sir Hudson Lowe and myself, accompanied the Marquess de Riviere (His Majesty's Lieutenant in these provinces) this morning from our advanced post, to receive the adhesion of the

* Boyne, Impregnable, Pampée, and Bombay.

officers of the army and navy at Toulon, which was tendered to the Marquess, and the white flag hoisted under a discharge of one hundred pieces of cannon, and acknowledged by one of my frigates off the harbour.

Boyne, off Marseilles, August 1, 1815.

THEIR Lordships will be informed by my last letter, of the 24th of July, of the arrangement made on the 24th between the Marquess de Riviere and Marshal Brune.

The non-performance of the stipulated removal of Marshal Brune and the disaffected regiments, has occasioned a correspondence between General Sir Hudson Lowe and myself, and the Marquess de Riviere; which has this morning happily terminated, by Marshal Brune delivering himself into the hands of the Marquess, to be sent (accompanied by his aid-de-camp) to Paris.

The most excellent good will prevails amongst all classes of people, immediately about us; and I have no doubt but Toulon will feel immediate benefit from the removal of Marshal Brune.

I cannot close my letter without expressing in the strongest terms, the high satisfaction and pleasure I have experienced in serving with Major-General Sir Hudson Lowe, from whose active intelligent mind the service has derived every advantage.

Boyne, off Marseilles, August 2, 1815.

THE Marquess de Riviere's letter, this moment received, announces the actual departure of Marshal Brune, accompanied by an officer, as before intimated.

Admiralty-Office, August 12, 1815:

COPY of a Letter from the Honourable Captain Aylmer, of His Majesty's ship *Pactolus*, addressed to Admiral Viscount Keith, and transmitted by His Lordship to John Wilson Croker, Esq,

His Majesty's Ship Pactolus, in the Gironde, July 24, 1815.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit an account of the proceedings of the squadron since my last letter of the 14th of July.

Considering that the first object of entering this river was to secure the retreat of His Majesty's ships in case of a reverse, and having learned that the posts of General Clausel extended the whole length of the river from Bourdeaux, and that from the heavy force at his disposal the tri-coloured flag was flying immediately beyond the range of our guns, we were extremely anxious to ascend the river; so that we might continue to threaten his detachments, and at the same time throw ourselves as much as possible into the centre of the population; but it was however necessary in the first place to secure the defences of the river, and the exertions of the two ships were necessary to that effect, as the enemy was close at hand (both on the Bourdeaux, and the side of La Charente Inferieure) and our force a small one.