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A DISPATCH was yesterday received at this Office, from Admiral the Honourable Sir Robert Stopford, G.C.B. addressed to R. More O'Ferrall, Esq. of which the following is a copy :

*Princess Charlotte, off St. Jean d'Acre,
November 8, 1840.*

SINCE my letter of the 4th, another explosion has taken place of a magazine of live shells, from a smouldering fire under the rubbish of the former, which it had been found almost impossible entirely to subdue ; one marine of the Benbow was killed, and several others slightly hurt ; but I regret to say, that gallant Officer, Captain Collier of the Castor, who had so distinguished himself in the attack, was severely wounded, having his leg fractured, and several other hurts of a slighter description, which require his removal to Malta ; and the Castor, having her bowsprit badly wounded, and other masts and spars shot away, I have ordered her and the Wasp, having her foremast disabled, into Malta to refit, and rejoin me with all dispatch.

One thousand prisoners have been sent away in the Turkish Flag Ship, eighteen Officers, and a party of soldiers, by the Talbot, to Constantinople, and two thousand to Beyrout, by the Bellerophon, Thunderer, Revenge, and Edinburgh ; and the garrison being placed in a state of order and tolerable security, under Sir Charles Smith, is to be left with three thousand Turkish troops under Selim Pasha, and about two hundred and fifty marines, under Lieutenant Colonel Walker, with the protection of the Pique and Stromboli, and occasional visits of other ships, as circumstances require.

The Hazard resumes her station at Tyre, and Commodore Napier proceeds from Beyrout to take charge of the squadron off Alexandria ; Benbow, Magicienne, and Daphne at Scanderoon and the neighbourhood.

The people of the country seem very firm in the cause, and keep the neighbourhood clear of Mehemet Ali's troops ; abundance of ammunition and stores have been found in the place, and arms have been sent in the Benbow and Powerful for distribution to the inhabitants to the northward. Among those who surrendered themselves was the Polish Colonel Shultz, the Chief Engineer, who has been sent as a prisoner to Constantinople ; he was wounded, and says it was quite impossible to withstand such an incessant stream of fire as was poured from our guns, which I found, on going round the ramparts with Sir Charles Smith, had torn and almost demolished many of the embrasures, and disabled the guns in such a manner, that it did appear extraordinary that the garrison should have made so good a defence, for the state of devastation was beyond description.

When I see the effects of our fire upon so formidable a fortress, I cannot help feeling the greatest obligations to every Officer and man engaged in this enterprise. The cool, steady, and beautiful style in which the ships and vessels, through shoals and banks, came into their positions, and the noble spirit that animated the whole, in the destructive fire opened and maintained against a very smart return from the forts and batteries, were most gratifying, and drew forth my admiration, being enabled, in the steamer, to observe the simultaneous attacks on both faces ; but where all were animated with the same spirit, and each did his duty to my heart's content, it cannot be possible for me to single out cases of individual merit ; I may be allowed to observe, however, that in confiding to Captain Fanshawe, my Flag Captain (who had been of great service to me in the previous details and arrangements, on this and former occasions during the expedition), the charge of conducting my Flag Ship, while it behoved me to survey and direct the whole, he most ably fulfilled his trust.

Lieutenant Glanville, my Flag Lieutenant, besides