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Whitehall, October 22, 1719.

Last Night arriv'd Major Leuſſcher, Aide de Camp to the Lord Viscount Cobham, from Vigo, with the following Account.

HIS Excellency the Lord Viscount Cobham, with the Men of War commanded by Vice Admiral Mighells, and the Transports having the Forces on board, arriving on the Coast of Galicia, kept cruising three Days in the Station appointed for Captain Johnson to join them; but having no News of him, and the Danger of lying on the Coast at this Season of the Year with Transports, rendering it necessary to take some Measures of acting without him, and the Wind offering fair for Vigo, his Lordship took the Resolution of going thither.

On the 29th of September, O. S. they entered the Harbour of Vigo, and the Grenadiers being immediately landed about three Miles from the Town, drew up on the Beach. Some Peasants fired from the Mountains at a great Distance, but without any Execution. His Lordship went ashore with the Grenadiers; and the Regiments followed as fast as the Boats could carry them. That Night and the following Day and Night, the Troops lay upon their Arms. In the mean while Provisions for four Days were brought ashore, and Guards were posted in several Avenues, to the Distance of above a Mile up the Country.

On the 1st of October his Lordship moved with the Forces nearer to the Town, and encamped at a strong Post, with the Left to the Sea near the Village of Boas, and the Right extending towards the Mountains. This Motion of the Army, and some Parties that were ordered to view the Town and Citadel, gave the Enemy some Apprehensions that Preparations were making to attack them; whereupon they set Fire to the Carriages of the Cannon of the Town, nailed those Cannon, and by all their Motions seemed determined to abandon the Town to the Care of the Magistrates and Inhabitants, and to retire with the Regular Troops into the Citadel. Whereupon the Lord Cobham sent to summon the Town to surrender, which the Magistrates made no Difficulty of doing; and the same Night his Lordship ordered Brigadier Honynwood with 800 Men, to take Post in the Town, and Fort of St. Sebastian which the Enemy had also abandoned.

On the 3d a Bomb Vessel began to bombard the Citadel, but with little Execution by reason of the great Distance: (the other Bomb-Vessel, called the *Lunace*, was separated from the Fleet in bad Weather off the Groyne; and 'tis feared is lost, unless she be got into Lisbon.) That Evening the large Mortars and the Cohorn Mortars were landed at the Town; between 40 and 50 of them, great and small, placed on a Battery under Cover of Fort St. Sebastian, began in the Night to play upon the Citadel, and continued it four Days with great Success: The 4th Day his Lordship ordered battering Cannon to be landed, and with some others found in the Town, to be placed in Battery on Fort St. Sebastian. At the same time his Lordship sent the Governour a Summons to surrender, signifying, that if he stayed till our Battery of Cannon was ready, he should have no Quarter. Col. Legoniere was sent with this Message, but found the Governour Don Joseph de los Cereros had the Day before been carried out of the Castle wounded. The Lieutenant Colonel who commanded in his Absence, desired Leave and Time to send to the Marquis de Risbourg, at Tuy, for his Directions; but being told the Hostilities should be continued, if they did not send their Articles of Capitulation without any Delay, they soon complied.

Articles upon which Colonel Don Gonzales de Sotto, Commander in Chief of Castro, offers to surrender the Castle of Castro to his Excellency the Lord Cobham, Generalissimo of the King of Great Britain's Troops.

1. That the Garrison of Regular Troops now in the Castle, shall march out with Arms and Baggage, Drums beating, Colours flying, their Carouches and

Flasks full of Powder, and Ball in Proportion. *Granted.*

2. That Carriages be granted for the Officers Tents and Baggage. *The Garrison to find them.*

3. That the Garrison march out by Land by the shortest Way to the Bridge of St. Payo, with all Security, and Provisions for four Days. *Granted.*

4. That six Pieces of Brass Cannon and two Mortars, with 12 Rounds of Powder and Ball, be granted them, with Carriages, and if they cannot carry them by Land, they may carry them by Water as far as Ullo; and that from thence they may march in six Days, as also the Garrison, where they shall think most proper. *Refused.*

5. That Carriages be granted for the Wounded, as well Soldiers as Peasants; and those not able to be transported, shall stay in Vigo till cured, at the Catholick King's Expence. *Granted, the Garrison finding the Means for Transporting them.*

6. That the Militia now in the Castle may march out with Arms and Baggage without Molestation, and return to their respective Habitations, or where they shall think fit. *Granted without Arms.*

7. That if any Foreigner be found, either in the Artillery or any other Employment, he shall not be molested. *Granted, except Deserters.*

8. That the Officers and Soldiers of this Garrison may have Liberty to take with them the Clothes and Linnen they left in Vigo. *They shall be brought to the Castle to them, and an Officer of the Garrison shall be allowed to come into the Town to shew where they are.*

9. This Capitulation being granted, all Magazines of Ammunition and Provisions shall faithfully be delivered to the Person his Excellency the Lord Cobham shall appoint, and the Gate of St. Philip shall be also delivered up.

10. That the Capitulation being agreed to, four Days shall be granted for the Evacuation of the Place, and my Lord Cobham shall sign me a Copy of this, and I will do the same. *Granted two Days.*
Cobham. Don Gonzales de Sotto.

The Garrison marched out the 10th in the Morning, consisting of seven Companies of the Regiment of Spain, and four of the Regiment of Valencia, amounting to 469 Men; having had above 300 killed or wounded by our Bombs. The Place cost us but two Officers, and three or four Men killed; and, no doubt, was strong enough to have given a great deal more trouble. An exact Account was not yet taken of the Stores of War which were found in the Town and Citadel; but when that Account is perfected, it will be found very considerable. There were in the Town about 60 Pieces of large Iron Cannon, which when the Enemy abandoned, they nailed and damaged, as much as their Time would give them leave. And in the Citadel were forty three Pieces, of which fifteen are fine Brass Guns, and two large Mortars; besides above 2000 Barrels of Powder, and several Chests of Arms, amounting to about 8000 Muskets. All which Stores, and the Brass Ordnance, were lodged there from on board the Ships which were to have visited Great Britain last Spring; and the very Troops which gave up this Place, were also of that Expedition. The Lord Cobham had summoned the adjacent Country to furnish Provisions, and pay Contribution, on pain of Military Execution. His Lordship sent a Party to Redondella, where they found the old Fort abandoned and run to Ruin, and the Inhabitants were fled.

That Part of the Province was under such a Consternation, that 'twas thought half the People had run away into Portugal. There were but few regular Troops in the Province, the Marquis de Risbourg had drawn together as many as he could get near Tuy, which is within three or four Leagues of Vigo. There had been very great Rains for three Days. Some of our Officers who spoke with Spanish Officers before they marched from Vigo, were told by them, that Colonel Owen had been in the Place, and that the late Duke of Ormond was raising a Re-