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"WE STRIVE TO PAINT THE MANNERS AND THE MIND."

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London, September 19.

At two o'clock yesterday, Earl Spencer attended at the Foreign Office, in Downing-street, and continued there till four. All or most of the Foreign Ministers waited upon him, when he announced to them the death of Mr. Fox, and that they were to communicate with him, in their official characters, till farther notice.

The Court of Common Council met yesterday, for the purpose of determining, by ballot, which of the models should be adopted for a monument to be erected in Guildhall, to the memory of the late Right Hon. William Pitt. The five models recommended by the Committee were inspected by the Court, and on the show of hands, instead of by ballot, the model, No. 12, (by Mr. J. G. Bubb, of the Strand) was adopted, and it was referred to the Committee to give directions for carrying the same into execution. The one chosen by the Corporation is plain but elegant, it is principally composed of four full-sized figures, the one on the top is of Mr. Pitt, in his Chancellor's robes, holding out his right-hand in a speaking attitude, with Wisdom and Prudence on each side, and Britannia on a seahorse, at the bottom, with several appropriate emblems. The price given in with the estimate was 3,675*l.* It is to be placed at the east end of the hall, opposite the late Earl of Chatham.

The subscribers to the Patriotic Fund at Lloyd's Coffee-house, had a General Meeting on the 16th inst. and have zealously marked the conduct of our brave Countrymen; whose recent gallant achievements have been recorded in the late Gazettes Extraordinary.—To Major General Sir John Stuart, they have voted a Vase of the value of 300*l.* for his gallant conduct in the Plains of Maida; to Major Paulet, of the 44th, severely wounded, the honorary reward of 200*l.*; and honorary rewards, of 100*l.* each, to the following Field Officers, acting in that memorable victory; Lieut. Col. M'Leod, 78th Regiment; Lieut. Colonel Moore, 23d Dragoons; Major Stuart, 78th Regiment; and Major Hammill, Royal Regiment of Malta.

To Captains M'Pherson and M'Gregor, of the 78th, and to Captain Waterhouse and Lieutenant and Adjutant Ginger, of the 81st, honorary rewards of 50*l.* each; and 25*l.* each to Lieut. M'Day and Ensigns M'Kenzie and M'Gregor, of the 78th.

The Society likewise resolved, that relief be afforded to the Widows, Orphans, Parents, and Relatives, depending for support on the Officers and Men killed; and that gratuities be given to those wounded, as soon as the nature and extent of the injuries they have received, shall be made known to the Committee.

For the exertions of our Countrymen in the capture of Buenos Ayres, the Committee have voted Vases, of 200*l.* value each, with appropriate inscriptions; to Major General Beresford and Commodore Sir Home Popham, for their gallant and disinterested conduct in this successful and important enterprise; and that an annuity of 25*l.* for life be settled on Captain Le Blanc, of the 71st Regiment, who was disabled in this attack, with benefit of survivorship to Mrs. Le Blanc, and her children.

And also, that relief be afforded to the Widows, Orphans, Parents, and Relatives, depending on such Officers and Men as were killed, or may die of their wounds; and that gratuities be given to those wounded, as soon as the nature and extent of the injuries they have received, shall be known to the Committee.

The Merchants, &c. Subscribers to Lloyd's, have highly distinguished Capt. Mackenzie, by voting him a piece of plate of the value of two hundred guineas, with a suitable inscription, "for his zeal and activity at all times displayed in his attention to the mercantile interests of this great Country, and more particularly for his able, prompt, and judicious conduct on the 3d day of July last, in departing from St. Kitt's under his own responsibility, with the Merchant Vessels lying there under his protection, at a moment of extreme and urgent danger from the immediate approach of a hostile force."

Sir John Stuart has been honoured by King Ferdinand of Naples, with the title of Count of Maida; which title has been accompanied with a considerable pecuniary reward.—It will be recollected that the great Lord Nelson was rewarded by the same good, but at present unfortunate Sovereign, with a large territory, the title of Duke of Bronte, and with the distinction of the highest order the Crown could bestow.

Yesterday arrived the *Hamburgh Mail* of Wednesday. The Russian Government has published the Treaty concluded by M. D'Oubril; and at the same time declared, that its provisions are not only not agreeable to his instructions, but directly contrary to them; not only not consistent with the principles on which his Majesty the Emperor of Russia was willing to conclude Peace, but directly contrary to those principles.

The Russian Government, however, at the same time declared, that his Majesty the Emperor is still willing to renew the negotiations, but only upon a basis consistent with his dignity. The remarks lately made by the *Moniteur*, upon the refusal to ratify the Treaty, evidently shew that great difficulties must exist in bringing any negotiation with Russia to a successful issue. It is manifest, from the conduct of the Russian Government, that the Confederation of the Rhine must form almost an invincible obstacle to a Peace between the two Powers, not to mention the interest of the King of Naples, and various arrangements adopted by France, utterly inconsistent with the principles to which the Russian Government is pledged.

Admiralty-Office, Sept. 13, 1806.

Capt. Donnelly, of his Majesty's ship *Narcissus*, arrived last night at this Office, with a dispatch from Commodore Sir HOME POPHAM, Knt. addressed to WILLIAM MARSDEN, Esq. of which the following is a Copy:—

Narcissus, off Buenos Ayres, 6th July, 1806.

SIR,

In a letter which I had the honor to address you from St. Helena, on the 30th of April, I fully explained, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the motives that induced me to press so strongly the urgency and expediency of undertaking an expedition against the enemy's settlements in Rio de la Plata.

I have therefore only to give you a short detail of the proceedings of the Squadron; previously congratulating their Lordships on his Majesty's forces being in full possession of Buenos Ayres and its dependencies, the capital of one of the richest and most extensive Provinces of South America.

To the commerce of Great-Britain it exhibits peculiar advantages, as well as to the active industry of her manufacturing towns. And when I venture in addition to assure their Lordships of the extreme healthiness of the climate, I trust I only hold out a consolation that the friends of every person employed on the expedition are entitled to, and which I am satisfied will be equally gratifying to the feelings of every British subject.

As I considered it an object of material consequence to obtain the earliest local information in the river, I placed the Squadron under the direction of Capt. Rowley on the 27th of May, and preceded it in the *Narcissus* for that purpose.

On the 8th ult. we anchored near the island of Flores; and after passing Monte Video the following day, we detained a Portuguese schooner, by whom the intelligence formerly received was generally confirmed. On the 11th we fell in with the Encounter and Ocean Transports, near the South coast of the river, and on the 13th we joined the Squadron.

It was immediately determined to attack the capital and no time was lost in removing the Marine Battalion to the *Narcissus*, the Encounter, and the transports, for the purpose of proceeding to Buenos Ayres, while the Diadem blockaded the port of Monte Video, and the *Raisonné*, and *Diomedé*, by way of demonstration, cruised near Maldonado and other adjacent points.

Our progress up the river was very much retarded by the shoalness of the water, adverse winds, and currents, continual fogs, and the great inaccuracy of the charts; but by the unremitting and laborious exertions of the officers and men I had the honor to command, the difficulties were surmounted, and the Squadron anchored on the afternoon of the 25th off Point Quelmea a Poulchra, about 12 miles from Buenos Ayres.

As it was impossible for the *Narcissus* to approach the shore on account of the shoalness of the water, the Encounter was run in so close as to touch the ground, the more effectually to cover the debarkation of the army in case of necessity; the whole, however, was landed during the course of the evening without the least opposition; consisting of the detachment of His Majesty's troops from the Cape, and that from St. Helena, with the Marine Battalion, under the orders of Capt. King, of His Majesty's ship the *Diadem*, which was composed of the Marines of the Squadron, augmented by the incorporation of some Seamen, and three companies of the Royal Blues, from the same source of enterprise, which had been regularly trained for that duty, and dressed in an appropriate uniform.

The enemy was posted at the village of Reduction, which was on an eminence about two miles from the Beach, with an appearance of a fine plain between the two armies, which however proved to be only a morass in a high state of verdure.

This in some measure checked our advancement, nor did the enemy open his field train, till the troops were nearly in the middle of the swamp, from whence he thought it was impossible for them to be extricated.

The able and excellent disposition of General Beresford, and the intrepidity of his army, very soon however satisfied the enemy, that his only safety was in a precipitate retreat, for we had the satisfaction of seeing from the ships, near 4000 Spanish cavalry flying in every direction, leaving their artillery behind them, while our troops were ascending the hill with that coolness and courage, which has on every occasion, marked the character of a British soldier, and has been exemplified in proportion to the difficulties and dangers by which he was opposed.

I have, probably trespassed on a line that does not immediately belong to me, but I could not resist the gratification of relating to their Lordships what I saw, assuring myself at the same time, they will be convinced, if the enemy had given the Squadron an equal opportunity, I should have had the pleasing duty of reporting an honourable issue to the effect of their eminent zeal and exertions.

On the 27th, in the morning, we saw some firing near the Banks of the River Chello; but it blew so hard that it was totally impracticable to have any communication with the shore during that day.

Early on the 28th, a Royal Salute was fired from the castle of Buenos Ayres, in honor of His Majesty's colours being hoisted in South America, and instantly returned by the ships lying off the town.

I now consider it to be a proper moment for acknowledging in terms of the sincerest gratitude my high sense of the zealous and animated conduct of every officer and man in the Squadron

which I have the extraordinary good fortune to command.

Capt. Rowley, with Captain Edmonds under his orders, continued, as long as the weather would permit, an advantageous demonstration off Maldonado.

Captain Donnelly, who did me the favour to request that I would go up the River in the *Narcissus*, and to whom, from his rank, no specific service could be assigned in our small scale of operations, applied himself on every occasion where he could promote the objects of the expedition:—and, as he is charged with this dispatch, I take the liberty of recommending him to their Lordships' protection, under a full conviction, they will obtain through him, every information which they have a right to expect, from an officer of great intelligence and long meritorious service.

I consider Capt. King, with the officers of the Marine Battalion, so completely under the report of General Beresford, that I shall only state to their Lordships my extreme satisfaction, on hearing personally from the General, how highly he appreciated every part of their conduct, particularly the celerity with which they transported the artillery and troops across the Rio Chello, after the bridge was burnt by the enemy.

Lieut. Talbot of the Encounter, manifested great zeal in every instance where it was necessary to call upon him; Lieutenant Groves, of the Diadem, was also very active in landing the Ordnance, and Ordnance Stores; and I think proper to state to their Lordships, that the masters and crews of the different transports behaved with great attention during the whole of this service.

I enclose a copy of the terms granted to the inhabitants after the capture of the city, by which their Lordships will see, that the coasting vessels in the river, supplied with their cargoes to amount to nine millions and a half of dollars, were restored to the proprietors; for an early record to the country, of the liberality of his Majesty's Government.

I have the honor to be, &c.

H. POPHAM.

I have sent Lieut. Groves to take possession of Eusefaba de Baragon, a port to the Eastward of Buenos Ayres, where I understand, there are two gun-vessels and two merchant ships.

The following letter has been received by the Master of Lloyd's Coffee-house, from Sir HOME POPHAM:

(COPY.)

Buenos Ayres, July 1.

"SIR, Although I have the honour of being personally known to many of the respectable Merchants in the City of London, I nevertheless, on a subject so important as the present, and of such high consideration, should not deem it proper to address each individual, but beg, through you, to communicate to the body, that I conceive it a duty to the commercial interest of Great-Britain, and a respect due to them, as residing in the capital of its great manufacturing cities, to state, in a few words, that the conquest of this place opens an extensive channel for the manufactures of Great-Britain.

"Hitherto the trade of this Country has been cramped beyond belief, and the manufactures of Great Britain could only find their way to this Province by means of Neutral bottoms and contraband intrigues; but from this moment its trade will be thrown open. I need not point out to merchants of extensive information, how beneficial the commerce of this hitherto neglected Country will prove; and some judgment may be formed of its immense population by that of this City, which alone contains 70,000 inhabitants, wanting all sorts of goods of European manufacture.

"The productions of this Country are indigo, tobacco, Vincenta wool, cotton, tiger skins, seal skins, copperas, figs, dried tongues, dried beef, hams, saffron, cochineal, cocoa, hemp, hair, wheat, gums, drugs, besides gold, silver, and precious stones, exclusive of hides and tallow, which I consider the great staple, one million four hundred thousand of the former being annually exported. The short time we have been in possession, and the hurry of business, will not admit of my giving you any further information for the present.

"I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed)

"HOME POPHAM.

"To the Master of Lloyd's Coffee-House, London."

It is understood that the above letter is circular, being addressed to the principal manufacturing towns. We think that Sir Home Popham merits the gratitude of the commercial part of the community, for this marked attention to their interests.

It appears that the possession of Peru and Chili must be a necessary consequence of the conquest of Buenos Ayres and Paraguay; that La Sierra, the Mine Country of Peru, which has yielded to the indolent Spaniards one thousand millions sterling in specie within two hundred years, forms part of the Viceroyalty of Buenos Ayres, and may be taken possession of by a single British regiment; in fine, that these Countries, which may be conquered and maintained without risk or expence, will, in every sense, more than compensate to Great-Britain for the loss of North America, and for the aggrandisement of our rivals on the Continent of Europe.

Government, it is reported, have received dispatches from Petersburg, Vienna, and Berlin; but notwithstanding the reports to the contrary, no farther advice from Lord Lauderdale have yet reached town.