

cover their landing near *Vineros*, but there being at that time a swelled Sea, all the Officers were of opinion it was not safe to attempt the putting the Men on shore; besides, the Master of a Ship of *Genoa*, who had the King of *Spain's* Pass, affirmed that the Enemy had not any Magazine there; wherefore it was determined to range a Day or two along the Coast of *Valencia*, to alarm them, and then to proceed to *Barcelona*, where arriving the 30th of *May*, he received a Letter from General *Stanhope*, then at *Tarragona*, letting him know the King had consented the Regiment of Colonel *Stanhope* should be embarked, with three hundred Men from *Port Mahon*, to be employed on a Design in the Gulph of *Lyons*, with a Gentleman sent on purpose from *England* by the Queen's particular Order. This Enterprize was intended on *Cette*, on the Coast of *Languedoc*, and all things being ready, it was determin'd at a Council of War, held the 6th of *July*, to send by Express to his Royal Highness the Duke of *Savoy* an Account of the Design; and failing from *Barcelana* the 9th, they arrived on the Coast of *Cette* the 13th, where the Troops were put on shore. The next Morning, at break of Day, they marched to the Town, and some Ships were appointed to batter the Fort at the *Mold-Head*, whereupon the Inhabitants betaking themselves to the Church, after a small firing the Town surrendered, as did the Fort, on which were mounted eighteen Pieces of Cannon. A Detachment of three hundred Men were left to secure the Place, and Major-General *Seiffau*, with the Regiment of *Stanhope*, and above three hundred Marines, marching to the Town of *Agde*, took a Post before it which makes the Isle of *Cette*, and that Night the Town capitulated without any Resistance.

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Hardships
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The 15th there was Advice that the Duke of *Roquelaure*, who commanded in the Province of *Languedoc*, designed to make a Descent by Boats over the Lake on the Island of *Cette*, and the Major-General acquainted Sir *John Norris* that he would endeavour to oppose it, desiring the Assistance of the Boats belonging to the Fleet on the Lake, whereupon he, with the *Dutch* Flag, mann'd and arm'd all the Boats the next Morning, and going on the said Lake, prevented the intended Attempt; but our Troops, left to guard the Post of *Agde*, by some Mistake quitted the same, and were coming away in *Saetias*. The Major-General proposed marching back to regain the Pass, and accordingly it was resolved so to do, but being soon after informed that a great Body of Troops were coming down, it was thought proper to embark our Men, part of whom were left in the Fort of *Cette* to cover the Retreat.

The Enemy pursued so hard, that they took our advanced Guard, when the Fort surrendered to them, and as soon as they understood the Major-General was employed in this Enterprize, (who had shewn great Zeal and Bravery, and was a Native of that Country) they not only imprisoned his Family, but exposed them to very great Hardships.

This Affair ending thus, Sir *John Norris* sailed the 19th, and shewed himself off of *Thoulon* and *Marseilles*, some Days after which he stood into the Road of *Hyerres*, where discovering a Ship,

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