

Matters of all their Out-works, lodged under the very Walls of the Castle of *St. Philip*, in which Dispute we lost but six Men, one of whom was Captain *Stanhope* of the *Milford*, as he was going on with his Brother the General.

*The Castle of Mahon capitulated.*

Next Day the Enemy offering to capitulate, Articles were in a little time agreed on, by which the Garrison were permitted to march out with all the Marks of Honour, carrying six Cannon, and four Mortars; the *French* to be transported to *Thoulon*, or the Islands of *Hyeres*, and the *Spaniards* to *Valencia*. There were about five hundred Marines in the Place, commanded by a Brigadier, and almost the same Number of *Spaniards*, and as they had upwards of a hundred Guns mounted, so were there between two and three thousand Barrels of Powder in store, with all things necessary, together with a considerable Quantity of Provisions; but the Wives and Children of the *Spaniards* flying into the Fort, they made almost an equal Number with the Garrison, which probably might occasion their capitulating so soon, for our Army did not consist of above two thousand four hundred Men.

Being thus possessed of this Island, we had thereby the Advantage of a goodly Harbour, which during the War was exceeding useful to us (as it may hereafter be when there shall be occasion to make use of it) in the cleaning and refitting such of our Ships as were employed in the *Mediterranean*; and not only Magazines of Stores were lodged there for that purpose, but such Officers appointed to reside on the Place as were judged requisite.

*The Squadron comes to Livorne,*

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*a Convoy sent to Naples.*

Sir *Edward Whitaker* leaving *Mahon* the 29th of September, proceeded with the Squadron to *Livorne*, having appointed a Convoy to General *Stanhope* and the Troops to *Catalonia*. There he received a Letter from Mr. *Chetwynd*, our Minister at *Genoa*, giving an Account that a Body of a thousand Troops were ready at *Final* to embark for the Service of the King of *Spain* in *Catalonia*, and as a Convoy was immediately appointed for them, so was it agreed at a Council of War, that since the Squadron could not suddenly fail to *Naples*, for want of the Provisions and Stores which were getting ready at *Livorne*, the *Defiance*, *York*, and *Terrible* Fire-ship should proceed to *Piombino*, and their Commanders there consider with the chief Officers of the Imperial Troops, what might be most effectually done to secure the *Stato delli Presidi*, (a small Territory on the Coast of *Tuscany*, which with the foresaid *Piombino* on the same Coast, belongs to the Crown of *Spain*) as also towards reducing *Porto Longone* and *Porto Hercole*, on which Service they were ordered to continue eight Days, and then to proceed directly to *Naples*.

Upon a Letter from Cardinal *Grimani*, Vice-Roy of *Naples*, and another from the Marquis de *Prie*, Minister of his Imperial Majesty at the Court of *Rome*, giving an Account of the Commotions of the said Kingdom of *Naples*, from whence Troops could not possibly be spared, at this time, for the Service of the King of *Spain*, and desiring therefore that the Squadron might continue some time in those Parts, and endeavour to intercept the Pope's Gallies, and others expected

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