

(In) Colin Campbell

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My dear Mr Graham,

Observing by the late Gazette
that several Officers with arduous & distinguished
services have been decorated with the Order of the
Bath - I beg to submit to you my pretensions
founded on long Service, together with the
General Custom, of conferring such Honors on
Officers leaving Chief Commands.

My former Services my dear friend you -
have spoken to with Effect on a recent occasion
& perhaps you will do me the favor to bring forward
my name, when a favorable occasion occurs, and
to enable you to speak to my Services since I have
been here, since so far intrude on your time by begging
them before you. -

The destruction of the Spanish Forts of & Louis
before the Garrison, Effected by my own Arrangements &
to the Right Honourable
John M. Graham

without

without any orders from home - approved by His Majesty.
The destruction of all the Dutch Batteries & Forts
of great extent on the Coast from the Island of Surinam
to Surinam to the Eastward of this place, including
them is Gibraltar Bay, & on Green Island - which Services
were performed without giving any offence to the Spanish
Government - also approved by His Majesty.

The admission of the British Troops into the
Fort of Santa, was effected by my Arrangement.

The Post of Surinam is important in protecting
our Trade, as commanding the Straits of Guayana
was taken possession of by me, & retained by the
Measures which I adopted, in opposition to the
opinion of the Officer entrusted with the Command of
the place (who got the Credit of it) & the General
Commanding at Cadix, who furnished a Detachment
- sent to reinforce my Garrison at that point.

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The loss occasioned to the Enemy by the Defeat of
Duroon amounted to at least 4000 Men, by that &
The Indolence of the Weather - and that Division
of the French Army, we know, was rendered in-
-evitable from their sufferings on that occasion.

The Expedition against Malaga though it
failed, must be considered as an Execution for the good
of our Trade, & it is well known that it ought
to have succeeded if Lord Blagney had conducted that
Service with the smallest preliminary Skill - for by the
Discussion made by the Landing of his troops at
Fuengeroles, General Sebastiani was driven out
of Malaga to a distance of 30 Miles leaving nothing
behind him - the Wind being fair, had Lord Blagney
reembarked his Troops, he would have reached Malaga
in four hours, which he would have taken by
Surprise, & he would have had full time to effect
The Object of the Expedition, Viz. the Destruction of a
great of Privateers, & the Fortification which protected them,
& before Sebastiani could have returned.

Cádiz was recovered from her, after the Defeat
of the Spanish Army at Ocaña, & Lord Wellington
solicited to reinforce it also, which led to those
Corps of British, in conjunction with the Spanish
troops under the Duc de Albuquerque, saved the
place - for the French troops expecting to enter
with Albuquerque's Army, followed them down.

A portion of the success at Barrosa also falls
to our share for we solicited & added the Hand Grenade
of the Garrison, & the first Battalion of the 25th Foot,
to General Graham's Command, which I believe was
what in British troops which Reinforcement
must have decided the fate of ^{that} memorable day, as
from the defection of the Spanish troops, the
British force was left to cope with the whole
French Army, led by Marshal Victor, and on several
occasions both the above mentioned Corps distinguished
themselves. This includes the most important
of the Military Service which has occurred -

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In regard to the Civil Service - His Royal Highness the Prince Regent with pleasure, that due attention has been paid to the interest of His Majesty, by the increase of the Revenues of His Garrison.

The Contract for Fresh Beef for the Troops, has been reduced one Half, which proves a great saving to the Public, & this took place soon after my arrival here, which was the period for renewing the Contract.

I have now by your Friend's help, written in the length of my letter, which I submit you to keep for a Leisure Hour.

I remain with great regard & esteem,

Your Obedient & faithful Servant.

Edmund Burke

