The enclosed account of proceedings at Gaeta will require a quiet hour to read through.

Private

Pompeii off Paulo in Calabria July 24 1806

My Dear Sir John!

I learned from a letter of your lordship's that the capture of Gaeta has fallen by capitulation. I take my pen with the most grateful feelings of regret and indignation to announce this event to you. I cannot meet your impatience to know particulars better than by sending the correspondence on this subject (destined for the information of Lord Cowper) through you, open for your inspection, requesting you to forward it to Mr. John Stuart, K.C. de la le le.
The by then sealed and forwarded to Gibraltar by the packets which I see by the advertisement are about this time to be established. Captain T. Jones will convey them to Malta. I wish him to have the inspection of these extraordinary documents. Comments on them innumerable will suggest themselves. I support all remarks. For no one in my situation or judge one must I condescend to to criticise parts of evidence in the progress of an investigation. Need I say it to you as a most earnest coadjutor of the
Your friend I hope to tell you sees how his labours have been lost by stupidity, weakness, or treachery; he shall see this prevails most in this jumble, but I think all the ingredients are visible, and I fear the French know as toll also well how to adjust the latter propensity in the degenerate part of this degenerate nation.

I must not let my pen proceed on this score now to detain Col. Sower Courrie who however I hope came to doubt till these voluminous copies are compiled.

Capt. Warley having been enabled to communicate the fact to you before he left me.
This is all Col. Lowe can yet know, besides I shall be able to convey him quicker in the Bageyes than in the miserable boats he finds along there. It is very satisfactory to find that the road he has travelled from Osthia to Bithia by land is cleared of the French entirely. I don't yet know the extent of the action of my detachment with Little succedant in their attack on Samsi, but I hear of two officers wounded, the most zealous among the Bageyes, one by ablation from a pretended Royalist in his vantry who he killed in the spot. He is liable to this in such a place as this, even more so than in Turkey where there is land in any sort in a wrong direction. The Augusta Kirmani is very mother to their proceedings to the meanest part of the enemy. I can find yours truly.

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