

Napoleonic Literature

The Corsican

A Diary of Napoleon's Life in His Own Words

1809

December 1st. Josephine sent me word that she consented. As we were sitting down to dinner she suddenly uttered a cry and fainted.

19th. (To the Empress.) I have just received your letter. Savary tells me that you do nothing but cry; it's very wrong of you. I hope that you were able to get out to-day. I have sent you some game from my bag. I will come and see you when you let me know that you are more reasonable, and that your courage has returned. Good-bye, dear friend, I also am sad to-day; I want to hear that you are contented, and are regaining your balance. Sleep well.

(To Marshal Augereau.) I have received your letter of the 11th of December, with the capitulation of Gerona, which your aide-de-camp has handed me. Your news gives me a double pleasure, because of the importance of the fortress, and because it is you have captured it.