

*Agamemnon, off Oneglia, June 1, 1796.*

S I R,

AT Two P. M. Yesterday, seeing Six Sail running along Shore, which I believed to be French, and knowing the great Consequence of intercepting the Cannon and Ordnance Stores, which I had Information was expected from Toulon, to be landed at St. Pierre d'Acena, for the Siege of Mantua, I made the Signal for a general Chace, when the Vessels, which now hoisted French Colours, anchored close under a Battery. I directed to Captain Cockburn, of the Meleager, to lead me in, which he did in a most Officer-like Manner, and at Three o'Clock the Meleager and Agamemnon anchored in less than Four Fathoms Water, as soon afterwards did the Peterell and Speedy; after a short Resistance from the Battery and Vessels, we took Possession of them.

It is impossible I can do Justice to the Alacrity and Gallantry ever conspicuous in my little Squadron. Our Boats boarded the National Ketch (the Commodore of the Convoy) in the Fire of 3 Eighteen-Pounders, and 1 Eighteen-Pounder in a Gun-Boat.

The Blanche and Diadem being to Leeward, the former could not anchor until the Vessel had struck, but the Boats of all the Ships were active in getting them off the Shore, the Enemy having cut their Cables when they surrendered. A smart Firing of Musquetry was kept up from the Shore during the Whole of this Service.

The Agamemnon's Masts, Sails, and Rigging are a little cut, but of no material Consequence.

Much as I feel indebted to every Officer in the Squadron, yet I cannot omit to mention the great Support and Assistance I have ever received from Captain Cockburn; he has been under my Command near a Year on this Station, and I should feel myself guilty of Neglect of Duty were I not to represent his Zeal, Ability and Courage, which is conspicuous on every Occasion which offers.

Enclosed, I transmit you a List of the Killed and Wounded, and also of the Vessels taken.

I have the Honour to remain, &c.

HORATIO NELSON.

*Sir John Jervis, K. B.*

*A List of Killed and Wounded in His Majesty's Squadron under the Command of Commodore Horatio Nelson, on the 31st of May, 1796.*

Agamemnon. 1 killed; 2 wounded.

Blanche. 1 wounded.

HORATIO NELSON.

*A List of Vessels of War and Transports taken by the Squadron under the Command of Commodore Horatio Nelson, on the 31st of May, 1796.*

VESSELS OF WAR.

La Genie, (Ketch) 3 Eighteen-Pounders, 4 Swivels, and 60 Men.

La Numero Douzel, (Gun Boat) 1 Eighteen-Pounder, 4 Swivels, and 30 Men.

TRANSPORTS.

La Bonne Mere, 250 Tons, Brig rigged, laden with Brass Twenty-four Pounders, Thirteen Inch Mortars, and Gun Carriages.

La Verge de Consolation, 120 Tons, Ketch rigged, laden with Brass Guns, Mortars, Shells, and Gun Carriages.

Le Jean Baptiste, 100 Tons, Ketch rigged, laden with Brandy and a small Quantity of Bread.

Name unknown, 100 Tons, Ketch rigged, laden with Austrian Prisoners.

St. Anne de Paix, 70 Tons, Ketch rigged, laden with Wheel-Barrows and Intrenching Tools, destroyed.

HORATIO NELSON.

Admiralty Office, July 16, 1796.

*Extract of a Letter from Sir H. C. Christian to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Thunderer, Choc Bay, St. Lucia, May 15, 1796.*

I HAVE to acquaint you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, of the safe Arrival of His Majesty's Sloop Albacore at Barbadoes, with her Prize L'Atheniene, French National Corvette of 14 Guns: For a more particular Account of Captain Winthrop's Proceedings, I transmit a Copy of his Letter to me of the 9th Instant.

*Albacore, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, May 9, 1796.*

S I R,

I HAVE the Pleasure to inform you, that in the Latitude 14 deg. 43 min. Longitude 47 deg. 39 min. I fell in with and captured L'Atheniene Brig, French National Corvette, mounting 14 Four-Pounders and 83 Men, commanded by Monf. Gervais, Lieutenant de Vaisseaux. During our Chace, which continued for Six Hours, she threw overboard 10 of her Guns. I beg Leave to observe she is a new Vessel, well found, and every Thing new on Board her, and sails remarkably well.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ROB. WINTHROP.

*Sir H. C. Christian, Esq. &c. &c.*

Admiralty Office, July 16, 1796.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Hamilton, of His Majesty's Ship Melpomene, to Evan Nepean, Esq;*

*Melpomene, Plymouth Sound, July 14, 1796.*

S I R,

YOU will be pleased to acquaint their Lordships, His Majesty's Ship Melpomene, on the 11th Instant, at Three P. M. Ushant bearing N. N. E. Six Leagues, discovered an Enemy's Ship in the S. E. Quarter. After a Chace of Five Hours, and her making every Effort to escape, she struck her Colours, and proved to be La Revanche, of 18 Guns and 167 Men; she had left Brest only a few Hours, with a View of intercepting the Brazil Convoy.

I have the Satisfaction to add, that though seven Guns were exchanged no Lives were lost; and that the Officers and Men I have the Honor to command behaved with the greatest Zeal and Propriety.

I judged it advisable to return to the first Port, on Account of the Number of Prisoners, and shall sail again immediately to fulfil their Lordships Orders.

I have the Honor, &c.

CHARLES HAMILTON.

*Downing-Street, July 16, 1796.*

A Letter, of which the following is an Extract, has been received from Colonel Graham by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, dated Cagliari, June 21, 1796.

EARLY in the Morning of the 17th Instant the Enemy attacked the most advanced Posts on Monte Baldo towards Ferrara, and obliged the Volunteers (the best Marksmen of the different Regiments,