

His Majesty's Ship, Amphion, Island of Lissa, Adriatic, March 15, 1811.

SIR,
ON my Arrival here this Morning, I found the Remainder of the French Commodore's Crew and Troops, Two Hundred in Number, had retired to Lissa; they were summoned to surrender by Messrs. Lew and Kingston, Two Midshipmen of the Active, (who had been left in Charge of Prizes,) and several Men belonging to Privateers. The Summons was acceded to; they laid down their Arms and were made Prisoners of War. The spirited Conduct of those young Men deserve every Praise, nor can I forbear mentioning the dastardly Behaviour of a Sicilian Privateer Brig of Fourteen Guns, named the Vincitore, and commanded by Captain Clemento Fama, who was lying in this Port, and previous to the Commencement of the Action hauled down his Colours to a small One Gun Venetian Schooner; this was witnessed by every Man in the Squadron, and I believe, there was but one Opinion on the Subject. Messrs. Kingston and Lee afterwards went on Board, took Charge of the Brig, beat off the Schooner, and prevented her from destroying the Vessels in the Bay.

I have omitted a Circumstance in my former Letter respecting the Corona, which, from the meritorious Conduct of those Officers and Men employed, deserves to be mentioned. The Corona caught Fire in the Main-Top, shortly after her Capture, and the whole of her Main-Mast and Rigging was instantly in Flames. Lieutenants Dickenson, of the Cerberus, and Hay, of the Active, with a Party of Men, were on Board her at the Time. The Ship now presented a most awful Spectacle, and I had quite given her up as lost. No possible Assistance could be afforded from the Squadron, and she had to trust alone to her own Exertions; these, however, were not wanting, and by the extraordinary Perseverance and Coolness of the Officers and Men employed, the Fire was at last extinguished, with the Loss of the Main-Mast, and the Ship of course saved to the Service. I have to express my warmest Thanks to Lieutenants Dickenson and Hay, and the Officers and Men employed, and beg Leave to recommend them to the Commander in Chief.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. HOSTE.

Captain G. Eyre, or Senior Officer.

Admiralty-Office, May 18, 1811.

Extract of another Letter from Admiral Sir Charles Cotton, Bart. to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board the San Josef, off Toulon, the 24th April, 1811.

I Have the Satisfaction to transmit the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Captain Bullen, of the Cambrian, dated the 16th Instant, then Senior Officer on the Coast of Catalonia; giving an Account of the Surrender of Figueras to the Spaniards on the 10th of this Month, and the other Successes therein mentioned. Their Lordships will perceive that I have, in consequence of this favourable Turn of Affairs, increased the Force on the Coast of Catalonia, in order to afford a more effectual Co-operation to the Marquis of Campoverde, (from whom, and as well from Major-General Doyle, I have also heard of the Fall of Figueras,) in his intended

Operations to drive the French from Rosas, and the other Ports on the Coast, and ensure Supplies for the Spaniards reaching Figueras, and the other Places in possession of our Ally:

I should mention to their Lordships that the Ammunition, with which the Store-ship lately captured by the Ajax and Unité was laden, will enable me to afford Succour to the Spaniards in that respect, in compliance with their repeated Application.

SIR, *Cambrian, off Rosas, 16 April, 1811.*

I HAVE great Pleasure in sending to you, by the Blossom, the important Intelligence of the Surrender of Figueras to the Spaniards, on the 10th Instant; and that St. Phillon and Palamos were taken possession of by the Cambrian and Volontaire on the 12th and 14th, the Guns all embarked, and the Batteries destroyed. I am now on my Way to Rosas and Cadequis, and I have Reason to hope the latter Place, with Silva, will also shortly be ours.

The Fall of Figueras has roused the Spaniards, who are arming in all Directions, and Hostalrich and Gerona are at this Moment garrisoned by Spanish Troops. The only correct Account I can learn is, that Four Hundred Italians, with Two Hundred French Troops, were left to protect Figueras, and that the former, disgusted with the Treatment they daily receive from the French, and being also half starved, opened the Gates of the Fortress to a Body of Spanish Troops (apprized of their Intention), who rushed into the Castle and put every Frenchman to the Sword.

At this Moment about Two Thousand effective Spanish Troops are in full Possession of this important Place; and General Sarsfield is on his Way with more, as well as Supplies of every Kind.

The French General D'Hilliers, who has the Command in Catalonia, on hearing of the Fall of Figueras, has abandoned all his Holds in Spain, except Barcelona, and is collecting the whole of his Force to attack it, as well as to prevent Supplies from getting in; but I am told a Quantity of Provisions was concealed in the Town, unknown to the French, which have been given up to the Spanish Troops in the Castle, who are in the highest Spirits possible.

The Termagant continues to watch Barcelona, and I purpose remaining off here with the Volontaire, ready for any Thing that may offer; as under all the existing Circumstances, I think it likely Rosas may give up.

I also beg to inform you, that a large Settee, deeply laden with Grain for Barcelona from Port Vendee, was the Night before last most handsomely cut out from under the Medes Islands and Batteries by the Boats of this Ship, led on by Lieutenant Conolly, without a Man being hurt.

I beg Leave to offer you my Congratulations on the Fall of Figueras, and the fair Prospect it opens:

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CHA. BULLEN.

Admiral Sir Charles Cotton, Bart.

P. S. Since writing the above, I spoke a small Boat from Begar, which tells me the French General had made a rash Attempt to recover Figueras Two Days since, and lost Seven Hundred Men.