

Undaunted—L. Noski, seaman.

WOUNDED.

Volontaire—Lieutenant Isaac Shaw, by the explosion of the battery; W. Spencer, marine, dangerously.

Undaunted—John Dale, seaman, severely, but not dangerously; J. Sullivan, seaman, slightly.

(Signed) R. H. MOUBRAY,
Captain of his Majesty's ship *Repulse*.

Names of the Vessels captured.

Maria Concepta, bombard, of 150 tons, laden with salt.
St. Josef, settee, of 72 tons, laden with wine and leather.
Le Zephyr, tartan, of 40 tons, laden with empty casks.
St. Graffo, tartan, of 29 tons, laden with wine and flour.
Conception, tartan, of 25 tons, laden with wine and flour.
La Fortune, tartan, of 29 tons, laden with tiles and bricks.

(Signed) R. H. MOUBRAY,
Captain of his Majesty's ship *Repulse*.

Admiralty-Office, July 6, 1813.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Taylor, of his Majesty's Ship Apollo, addressed to Rear-Admiral Fremantle, and transmitted by Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Apollo, Curzola,
February 4, 1813.

SIR,

IN compliance with your orders of the 18th January, we proceeded, with two hundred and fifty men under Lieutenant-Colonel Robertson, on board the *Apollo*, *Esperanza* privateer, and four gun-boats, to the attack of the island of Augusta, and I have the honour to acquaint you that it surrendered on the 29th.

During this service, which was attended with excessive fatigue, by the nature of the mountains over which we had to pass, a distinguished share fell to Captain Rorica, who with fifteen Calabrese, Mr. Thomas Ullock, Purser of the *Apollo*, an artilleryman, and our guide, Antonio Langaletta, spiked the guns of the lower battery, under musketry of the fort, likewise to Captain May (35th regiment), Lieutenant George Bowen, and Mr. Ullock, of the *Apollo*, with forty men and the assistance of the inhabitants, who destroyed a store of provisions, took a serjeant of artillery, and two soldiers in the town, also under the musketry of the fort.

I do not mean, by mentioning these in particular, to take from the merits of others, who were all equally zealous.

I cannot either avoid mentioning the great exertions of the gun boats under Lieutenant M'Donald, (35th regiment) the barge, launch, and yawl, under Messrs. William Henry Brand, William Hutchason, and William David Fowkes, midshipmen of the *Apollo*; they drew a continual fire of the fort and

battery upon them, and captured a boat attempting to get out with dispatches.

The fort stands upon the pinnacle of a mountain, which position is so strong, that fifty English soldiers, with the good disposition of the inhabitants, are likely to resist any force the enemy may send against it. Its garrison consisted of one hundred and thirty-nine men. It has one mortar, one eighteen, and two eight-pounders: three eighteen-pounders in the lower battery, and there are several musketry out-works.

We have only to lament the loss of one man on our side, an inhabitant, killed; the enemy had one wounded.

Colonel Robertson having left a garrison in Augusta, we sailed on the 1st with the *Imogene*, and gun-boat No. 43, to attack this island.

Although it blew excessive hard in squalls, we succeeded in landing one hundred and sixty soldiers, seventy seamen, and fifty marines, with a howitzer, and six-pounder field gun, the same night, at Port Bufalo, which enabled Major Slessor (35th regiment), with the flankers, to surprise the hill, with a musketry work upon it, that commands the town.

Hearing that three hundred enemy's troops to relieve Augusta, were arrived on the opposite shore (*Sabionalla*), I directed Lieutenant Charles Taylor, acting commander of the *Imogene*, to bring away or destroy their boats, and if fired at from *Curzola*, not to return it to the town, which instructions he obeyed with the utmost forbearance, as he fired over all, when their fire was directed at him. Mr. Antonio Parbo, commander of the gun-boats, likewise behaved gallantly; his vessel was hulled three or four times.

Finding that the enemy appeared determined to hold out (although our field-guns were upon the hill, and our advance in the suburbs within pistol shot), and that the civic guard were collecting in the country; I took off the *Apollo*'s seamen to attack the sea batteries, which, in the morning of the 3d, after about three hours firing, we silenced; they then agreed to capitulate; and I am happy to add, that we thereby have captured the privateer which molested the trade of the Adriatic so much, also two of her prizes.

In this I lament the loss of two seamen, Charles M'Gregor, killed by grape: and Edward Williams, drowned, by the sinking of the yawl in securing the ship; William Ward, slightly wounded.

I have also to regret that the ship's mainmast is very badly wounded, as well as a quantity of rigging cut.

Upon the walls of the town, and in its towers, were three eighteen-pounders and eight small guns.

It would be presumption in me to speak of my coadjutor Lieutenant-Colonel Robertson's conduct, throughout our little expedition, in a military point of view; but I may say, no service could have been performed with greater cordiality between all under his command, and our officers, seamen, and marines.

The day the island surrendered we captured seven vessels in the Channel, bound to Ragusa and Cattaro, principally with grain, for which those places are in great distress.