

The opportunity afforded to the navy for evincing the zeal and good will of British seamen, has been necessarily confined to a few individuals, but I knew of no officer, more indefatigable in the various duties which have fallen to him, than Captain Bloye, of the *Lyra*; he has endeavoured to anticipate every wish of the army. Lieutenant O'Reilly, with his former companions in the batteries, was conspicuously active; every ship in the squadron* sent a proportion of seamen, under their respective officers, and they uniformly behaved well.

The loss on both sides during the assault must have been considerable, as artillery of all descriptions was playing on the enemy while disputing the breach and walls.

Three or four seamen form the total naval loss since my last report.

Captain Smith, of the *Beagle*, who was slightly wounded on the island, has the command of the seamen there landed.

Admiralty-Office, September 18, 1813.

VICE-ADMIRAL Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. has transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. a letter from Captain Edward Flin, of His Majesty's sloop *Cephalus*, dated at Sea, the 3d of July last (and addressed to Vice-Admiral Pickmore), giving an account of his having captured, on the morning of the 2d of the same month, *Toro E.* by *S. La Petit Chasseur*, French felucca privateer, armed with two four-pounder long guns, and one eight pounder, the latter hove overboard in the chase, with a complement of forty-five men; she had been out from Genoa thirteen days, and had made no capture.

Admiralty-Office, September 15, 1813.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Grant, of His Majesty's Ship Armada, dated off Toulon, 23d July last, and transmitted by Vice-Admiral Sir E. Pellew, Bart. to J. W. Croker, Esq.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that on the 19th instant, being set by the swell and current near to the point of Bordighero, the batteries opened upon us. As the ships were approaching the land-fall, and the shot were going over us, the marines were landed under the direction of Captain Hore, of this ship, who immediately took possession of the eastern battery, spiked the guns and destroyed the powder. On our marines approaching the battery, on the point of Bordighero, the enemy blew it up and quitted it, and so great was their hurry that the mangled remains of the man who blew it up were found by our party, who entered and spiked the guns. As there was a heavy fire of musketry kept up from the town, Lieutenant Brown, of the marines of this ship, very properly took possession of the house from whence the heaviest of the fire proceeded. As many of the people of the town were evidently assisting the few soldiers that were in the batteries, the vessels on

the beach, the surf being too heavy to launch them, were burnt, and the frigates opened their fire upon the town. The Mayor having been brought off, I explained to him that the town had brought upon itself the heavy loss it sustained, by wantonly firing on us. I regret to say, that Captain Hore was very severely wounded in the thigh, and Michael Martin, private marine, below the knee, but both are doing well.

Lieutenant Parsons had command of the boats at landing; Captain Napier having assumed the command, Lieutenant Parsons returned after the eastern battery was destroyed, bringing off the marines employed upon this service, and Captain Napier superintended the destruction of the vessels and the re-embarkation of the remainder of the marines.

AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 31st of July 1813,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His general Order in Council of the fifth of April one thousand eight hundred and five, touching the performance of quarantine, to direct, that where any ship or vessel shall attempt to enter into any port or place in Great Britain, or the islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, whether such port or place shall have been appointed for the performance of quarantine or not, the Superintendent of Quarantine, or his Assistant, (if there shall be such Superintendent or Assistant at such port or place), or if not, the Principal Officer of His Majesty's Customs at such port or place, or such Officer of the Customs as shall be authorised by the Commissioners of the Customs, or any four or more of them, to act in that behalf, shall go off to such ship or vessel, and shall, at a convenient distance from such ship or vessel, keeping to windward, demand of the Commander, Master, or other person having charge of such ship or vessel, answers to certain preliminary questions therein set forth: And whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was pleased, by His Orders in Council of the twenty-eighth of February one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and the twenty-ninth of September one thousand eight hundred and twelve, to direct, that certain questions, in addition to the preliminary questions directed by His Majesty's general Order in Council of the fifth of April one thousand eight hundred and five, touching the performance of quarantine, should be put to the Commanders, Masters, or other persons having the charge or command of such ships or vessels: And whereas it is deemed expedient, that, in the case of ships or vessels coming from or having touched at any of the places mentioned in His Majesty's said Order in Council of the fifth of April one thousand eight hundred and five, as places from which it is probable that the plague, or some other infectious disease or distemper, highly dangerous to the health of His Majesty's subjects, may be brought into Great Britain; or having on board any goods, wares, or merchandises, enume-

* *Surveillante*, *Revolutionnaire*, *President*, *Sparrow*, *Lyra*, *Beagle*, *Dispatch*, *Challenger*, *Holly*, *Juniper*, *Gun-Boats* No. 14 and 16.