

enemy's ship, and enabling the Superb to stand after the Squadron, in case of having been enabled to renew the action.

I herewith inclose the names of the enemy's ships. I have the honour to be, &c.
(Signed) J. SAUMAREZ.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

List of the Spanish Squadron that arrived at Cadiz from Ferrol, on the 25th of April, under the command of Don Joaquin de Moreno (Lieutenant-General), as Vice-Admiral, and proceeded to Algeiras Bay, the 9th of July 1801.

- Real Carlos, of 112 guns, Captain Don J. Esquerra.
- San Hermenegildo, of 112 guns, Captain Don J. Emparan.
- San Fernando, of 94 guns, Captain Don J. Malina.
- Argonaut, of 80 guns, Captain Don J. Herrera.
- San Augustin, of 74 guns, Captain Don R. Jopete.
- San Antonio, of 74 guns, under French colours, taken by the Superb.
- Wanton French lugger, of 12 guns.

The Admiral's ship the Real Carlos, and the San Hermenegildo, were the two ships that took fire and blew up.

(Signed) J. SAUMAREZ.

SIR, Caesar, off Cape Trafalgar, July 14.

I herewith inclose, for their Lordships' further information, the statement I have received from Captain Keats, to whom the greatest praise is due for his gallant conduct on the service alluded to.

Captain Hood's merits are held in too high estimation to receive additional lustre from any praises I can bestow; but I only do justice to my own feelings when I observe, that in no instance have I known superior bravery to that displayed by him on this occasion.

I have the honour to be, &c.

J. SAUMAREZ.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

SIR, Superb, off Cape Trafalgar, July 13.

Pursuant to your directions to state the particulars of the Superb's services last night, I have the honour to inform you, that in consequence of your directions to make sail up to and engage the sternmost of the enemy's ships, at half past eleven I found myself abreast of a Spanish three-decked ship (the Real Carlos, as appears by report of some survivors), which, having brought in one with two other ships nearly line abreast; I opened my fire upon at not more than three cables' length; this evidently produced good effect, as well in this ship as the others abreast of her, which soon began firing on each other, and at times on the Superb.

In about a quarter of an hour I perceived the ship I was engaging, and which had lost her fore-top-mast, to be on fire, upon which we instantly ceased to molest her, and I proceeded on to the ship next at hand, which proved to be the San Antonio, of 74 guns, and 730 men, commanded by the Chef de division Le Rye, under French colours, wearing a broad pendant, and manned nearly equally with French and Spanish seamen, and which, after some action (the Chef being wounded), struck her colours.

I learn from the very few survivors of the ships which caught fire and blew up (which, in an open boat, reached the Superb at the time she was taking possession of the San Antonio), that in the confusion of the action, the Hermenegildo (a first rate also), mistaking the Real Carlos for an enemy, ran on board her, and shared her melancholy fate.

Services of this nature cannot well be expected to be performed without some loss, but though we have to lament that Lieut. E. Waller, and fourteen seamen and marines, have been wounded, most of them severely, still there is reason to rejoice that that is the extent of our loss.

I received able and active assistance from Mr Samuel Jackson, the First Lieutenant, and it is my duty to represent to you, that the officers of

all descriptions, seamen, and marines, conducted themselves with the greatest steadiness and gallantry.

I have the honour to be, &c.
(Signed) R. G. KEATS.

Sir James Saumarez, Bart. Rear-Admiral of the Blue, &c.

WHITEHALL, August 4.

The King has been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baron of the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to the Right Hon. Horatio Viscount Nelson, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Vice-Admiral of the blue Squadron of his Majesty's fleet (Duke of Bronti in Sicily, Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St Ferdinand and of Merit, and of the Imperial Order of the Crescent), and to the heirs male of his body, lawfully begotten, by the name, title, and title of Baron Nelson, of the Nile, and of Hilborough, in the county of Norfolk; with remainders to Edmund Nelson, Clerk, Rector of Burnham Thorpe, in the said county of Norfolk, father of the said Horatio Viscount Nelson, and of the heirs male of his body, lawfully begotten; and to the heirs male lawfully begotten, and to be begotten, severally and successively of Susanna, the wife of Thomas Bolton, Esq. and sister of the said Horatio Viscount Nelson; and in default of such issue, to the heirs male of Catherine, the wife of George Matcham, Esq. another sister of the said Horatio Viscount Nelson.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, August 4.

Copy of a letter from the Hon. WILLIAM CORNWALLIS, Admiral of the Blue, &c. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated off Ullant, July 31. 1801.

SIR,

I have the honour to inclose to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from Captain Hotham, of his Majesty's ship the Immortalite, acquainting me with his having captured the four masted French privateer therein mentioned.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. CORNWALLIS.

SIR, Immortalite, at sea, July 31.

I have the honour to inform you, that at one o'clock in the morning of the 27th inst. in lat. 43 deg. 34 min. N. and long. 11 deg. 42 min. W. I had the good fortune to fall in with, and, at half past seven, to capture a remarkably fine and singularly constructed French privateer with four masts, named L'Invention, carrying twenty-four guns on a slush deck, and two hundred and ten men. She is quite new, had only left Bourdeaux nine days before on her first cruise, and had taken nothing. She is a beautiful vessel, on a plan entirely peculiar to herself, designed by her Commander Mr Thibaut, and of extraordinary dimensions, being one hundred and forty-seven feet long and twenty-seven wide; each mast is rigged in the usual manner, and she appears to me to answer perfectly well.

During the chase, at day-light, his Majesty's ship Arethusa was seen at a distance, who joined in the pursuit, and from her situation, greatly assisted me in capturing her.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. HOTHAM.

Hon. Admiral Cornwallis, &c.

Copy of a letter from Captain MANLEY DIXON, of his Majesty's ship Genereux, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. Secretary of the Admiralty, dated Port Mahon, 9th June 1801.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to transmit a copy of Lord Cochrane's letter, relative to the very spi-

rited and brilliant action with a Spanish xebec frigate.

I have the honour to be, &c.

MANLEY DIXON.

His Majesty's sloop Speedy, off Barcelona, May 6. 1801, Castello Ferro N. four miles.

SIR,

I have the pleasure to inform you, that the sloop I have the honour to command, after a mutual chase and warm action, has captured a Spanish xebec frigate of 32 guns, twenty-two long twelve-pounders, eight nines, and two heavy carronades, named the Gamo, commanded by Don Francisco de Torris, manned by 319 naval officers, seamen, supernumeraries, and marines.

The great disparity of force rendering it necessary to adopt some measure that might prove decisive, I resolved to board, and with Lieut. Parker, the Hon. Mr Cochrane, the boatswain, and crew, boarded; when, by the impetuosity of the attack, we forced them instantly to strike their colours.

I have to lament in boarding the loss of one man only; the severe wounds received by Lieutenant Parker, both from musketry and the sword, one wound received by the boatswain, and one seaman.

I must be permitted to say, there could not be greater regularity nor more cool determined conduct shewn by men, than by the crew of the Speedy.

Lieut. Parker, whom I beg leave to recommend to their Lordship's notice, as well as the Hon. Mr Cochrane, deserve all the approbation that can be bestowed. The exertions and good conduct of the boatswain, carpenter, and petty officers, I acknowledge with pleasure, as well as the skill and attention of Mr Guthrie, the surgeon. I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) COCHRANE.

M. Dixon, Esq. Captain of his Majesty's Ship Genereux.

LIST OF KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Speedy's force at the commencement of the action.

54 Officers and men.

3 Killed and 8 wounded.

14 Four-pounders (guns).

Gamo's force at the commencement of the action.

274 Officers, seamen, boys, and supernumeraries; 45 marines—Total 319.

Don Francisco de Torris, the boatswain, and 13 men, killed; 41 wounded.

32 Guns.

Copy of a letter from Captain THOMAS ROGERS, of his Majesty's ship Mercury, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated off the Tremite Islands, in the Adriatic, 23d of June 1801.

SIR,

I beg leave to inclose, for their Lordships information, a copy of a letter I have received from Captain Ricketts, of the Corfo; as also of one from myself to Lord Keith.

I have the honour to be, &c.

THOMAS ROGERS.

El Corfo, off Manfredonia, May 27. 1801.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, that this morning, at nine o'clock, we captured, off Manfredonia, the Coriveffe, a small vessel, mounting one brass gun, commanded by M. Bernard du Bourdier, Lieutenant of the Regenerée, who with another officer was carrying dispatches from Alexandria to Ancona.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. RICKETTS.

Captain Rogers, Senior Officer of his Majesty's ships in the Adriatic.

Mercury, off the Tremite Islands, in the My Lord, Adriatic, 23d June 1801.

I have the satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship with the capture of a notorious French pi-