

the Battle, and the close Action they so long sustained, and in which both Fleets looked upon the Honor of their King and Country to be most essentially concerned.

The great Supply of Naval Stores lately arrived in the West Indies will, I flatter myself, soon repair all the Damages His Majesty's Fleet has sustained.

The gallant Behaviour of the Officers and Men of the Fleet I have the Honour to command has been such as must for ever endear them to all Lovers of their King and Country.

The noble Behaviour of my Second in Command Sir Samuel Hood, who in both Actions most conspicuously exerted himself, demands my warmest Praises; my Third in Command Rear-Admiral Drake, who, with his Division, led the Battle on the 12th Instant, deserves the highest Praise; nor less can be given to Commodore Affleck for his gallant Behaviour in leading the Center Division.

My own Captain, Sir Charles Douglas, merits every Thing I can possibly say: His unremitting Diligence and Activity greatly eased me in the unavoidable Fatigue of the Day.

In short, I want Words to express how sensible I am of the meritorious Conduct of all the Captains, Officers and Men, who had a Share in this glorious Victory, obtained by their gallant Exertions.

The Enemy's whole Army, consisting of 5500 Men, were on board their Ships of War: The Destruction among them must be prodigious, as, for the greatest Part of the Action, every Gun

told; and their Lordships may judge what Havock must have been made, when the Formidable fired near Eighty Broadides.

Enclosed I have the Honour to send for their Inspection the British and French Lines of Battle, with an Account of the Killed and Wounded, and Damages sustained by His Majesty's Fleet.

Lord Cranston, who acted as one of the Captains of the Formidable during both Actions, and to whose gallant Behaviour I am much indebted, will have the Honour of delivering these Dispatches: To him I must refer their Lordships for every minute Particular they may wish to know, he being perfectly Master of the whole Transaction.

That the British Flag may for ever flourish in every Quarter of the Globe, is the most ardent Wish of him who has the Honour of being, with great Regard, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

G. B. RODNEY.

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*A List of the French Ships taken.*

La Ville de Paris, 110 Guns; had on board in the Engagement 1300 Men.

|                         | Guns. | Men. | Soldiers. |
|-------------------------|-------|------|-----------|
| Le Glorieux             | 74    | 750  | 150       |
| Le Cæsar                | 74    | 750  | 150       |
| Le Hector               | 74    | 750  | 150       |
| L'Ardent                | 64    | 650  | 100       |
| One sunk, Name unknown. |       |      |           |

LINE OF BATTLE.

*The Royal Oak to lead on the Starboard Tack, and the Marlborough on the Larboard.*

| Ships          | Commanders                   | Guns | Men | Division   |
|----------------|------------------------------|------|-----|--|
| Royal Oak      | Captain Burnett              | 74   | 600 | Rear-Admiral Sir Samuel Hood, Bart.                              |
| Alfred         | Bayne                        | 74   | 600 |  |
| Montagu        | Bowen                        | 74   | 600 |  |
| Yarmouth       | Parry                        | 64   | 500 |  |
| Valiant        | Goodall                      | 74   | 650 |  |
| Barfleur       | Sir Sam. Hood, Bart.         | 90   | 767 |  |
| Monarch        | Captain Knight               |      |     |  |
| Warrior        | Reynolds                     | 74   | 600 |  |
| Belliqueux     | Sir J. Wallace               | 74   | 600 |  |
| Centaur        | Sutherland                   | 64   | 500 |  |
| Magnificent    | Inglefield                   | 74   | 650 |  |
| Prince William | Linzee                       | 74   | 600 |  |
|                | Wilkinson                    | 64   | 500 |  |
| Bedford        | Commodore Affleck            | 74   | 617 |  |
|                | Captain Graves               |      |     |  |
| Ajax           | Charrington                  | 74   | 550 |  |
| Repulse        | Dumaresq                     | 64   | 500 |  |
| Canada         | Hon. William Cornwallis      | 74   | 600 |  |
| St. Alban's    | Inglis                       |      |     |  |
| Namur          | Fanshawe                     | 90   | 750 | Sir George Bridges Rodney, Bart. &c. &c. &c. Commander in Chief. |
| Formidable     | Sir G. B. Rodney, Bt.        | 90   | 750 |  |
|                | Sir Cha. Douglas, Bt.        |      |     |  |
|                | First Captain Captain Symons |      |     |  |
| Duke           | Gardner                      | 90   | 750 |  |
| Agamemnon      | Caldwell                     | 64   | 500 |  |
| Resolution     | Rt. Hon. Ld. Robert Manners  | 74   | 600 |  |
| Prothee        | Buckner                      |      |     |  |
| Hercules       | Savage                       | 64   | 500 |  |
| America        | S. Thompson                  | 74   | 600 |  |
| Ruffel         | Saumarez                     | 74   | 600 |  |
| Prudent        | Barklay                      | 64   | 500 |  |
| Fame           | Barbor                       | 74   | 550 |  |
| Anson          | Blair                        | 64   | 500 |  |
| Torbay         | Gidoin                       | 74   | 600 |  |
| Prince George  | Williams                     | 90   | 750 | Rear-Adm. Drake, &c. &c. &c.                                     |
| Princessa      | Fran. Sam. Drake, Esq;       | 70   | 577 |  |
|                | Captain Knatchbull           |      |     |  |
| Conqueror      | Balfour                      | 74   | 600 |  |
| Nonfuch        | Truscott                     | 64   | 500 |  |
| Alcide         | C. Thompson                  | 74   | 600 |  |
| Arrogant       | Cornish                      | 74   | 600 |  |
| Marlborough    | Penny                        | 74   | 600 |  |

All Accidental Frigates to be opposite the Center Division.

N. B. Those marked † not with the Fleet during the Actions.