

within Hail, and directed her to take her Station a-sterm of the Sultan. At Two P. M. the Enemy's Squadron were standing in Shore, and collecting their Ships, which I was also endeavouring to do, as our Squadron was very much dispersed, and continued on different Tacks, the Ships being greatly disabled, and in general ungovernable.

At Half past Four I hauled down the Signal for the Line of Battle a-head, and made the Signal to prepare to anchor; and at Half past Five I anchored with the Superb in Six Fathom Water, between Negapatnam and Nagore; the other Ships of the Squadron anchoring as they came in with the Land, and the Worcester next Day.

The Enemy, having collected their Ships into a close Body, anchored at Six P. M. about Three Leagues to Leeward of our Ships; during the Remainder of the Day, and all Night, our Ships were closely employed in securing their Lower Masts, almost all their Standing Rigging being shot away; splicing the old and reeving new Rigging, and getting serviceable Sails to the Yards.

On the 7th in the Morning the Damages sustained by the several Ships of the Squadron appeared to me so great, that I gave up all Thoughts of pursuing the Enemy; and at Nine A. M. the French Squadron got under Sail, and returned to Cuddalore Road their disabled Ships a-head; and those left so, covering their Retreat in the Rear.

At Ten A. M. I sent Captain James Watt, of His Majesty's Ship the Sultan, in the Rodney Brig disarmed, with a Flag of Truce, and a Letter to Monf. Suffrein, containing a Demand of the Surrender of the French King's Ship the Ajax. Captain Watt came up with the French Squadron the same Evening, and my Letter was forwarded to Monf. Suffrein, who returned an evasive Answer, saying it was the French Ship Severe who had the Halliards of his Ensign shot away, as frequently happens in Action, by which Means it came down, but was never intended to be struck.

I am extremely happy to inform their Lordships, that in this Engagement His Majesty's Squadron under my Command gained a decided Superiority over that of the Enemy; and had not the Wind shifted, and thrown His Majesty's Squadron out of Action, at the very Time when some of the Enemy's Ships had broken their Line, and were running away, and others of them greatly disabled, I have good Reason to believe it would have ended in the Capture of several of their Line of Battle Ships. I am happy also to inform their Lordships, that the Officers and the Men of the Squadron behaved to my Satisfaction, and have great Merit for their Bravery and steady Conduct: The Captains Gell of the Monarca, Rainier of the Burford, and Watt of the Sultan, eminently distinguished themselves by a strict Attention to my Signals, and the utmost Exertion of Courage and Conduct against the Enemy.

I am also obliged to Colonel Fullarton of the 98th Regiment, who has been my Companion in the Superb, since I left Madras Road in March last, preferring to serve with his Corps on Board to living inactive on Shore. The Officers and Men of this Regiment have behaved with great Regularity on Board the Ships of the Squadron, and done their Duty well on all Occasions. Major Grattan, an Officer late of General Medows's Staff, and a Captain in the 100th Regiment, has also served with great Credit on Board the Superb on this Occasion, in the Absence of his Corps now on the Malabar Coast.

The Death of Captain Maclellan of the Superb, who was shot through the Heart with a Grape Shot early in the Engagement, is universally regretted by all who knew him. I had experienced in him an excellent Officer in every Department of the Service.

Inclosed with this is an Account of the Killed and Wounded on Board each Ship, and Lists of the English and French Lines of Battle.

*An Account of the Killed and Wounded on Board the following Ships.*

**Superb.** Captain Dunbar Maclellan, 6 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and 98th Regiment, killed; 19 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and 98th Regiment, wounded.

**Hero.** Lieutenant Henry Chapman, 11 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and 98th Regiment, killed; 23 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and 98th Regiment, wounded.

**Magnanime.** 2 Petty Officers and Seamen, killed; Lieutenant Thomas Henry Wilton, Captain William Adlam, of the Marines, 15 Petty Officers and Seamen, wounded.

**Monmouth.** Lieutenant Sabine Ga'coyne, 11 Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, wounded.

**Monarca.** 8 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and 98th Regiment, killed; Mr. Francis Corrie, Master, Captain Abbot in the Company's Service, 44 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and 98th Regiment, wounded.

**Burford.** Captain Vroxoime Jenkinson, of the 98th Regiment, 6 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Lascars, killed; Mr. Edward Derby, Master, Mr. Richard Daniel, Boatwain, 32 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and 98th Regiment, wounded.

**Eagle.** 4 Petty Officers and Seamen, killed; Lieutenant William Wood, 8 Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, wounded.

**Exeter.** 11 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Lascars, killed; Mr. Thomas Cribbon, Master, Mr. William Cunningham, Boatwain, 22 Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, 98th Regiment, and Lascars, wounded.

**Sultan.** 16 Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, killed; Lieutenant John Drew, Lieutenant Richard Williams, of the Marines, 19 Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, wounded.

**Worcester.** 1 Lascar, killed; Lieutenant Johnson of the Marines, 8 Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, wounded.

**Isis.** 9 Petty Officers, Seamen, 98th Regiment, and Lascars, killed; 19 Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, wounded.

*Total Killed and Wounded.*

Ships Names.	Killed.	Wounded.
Superb - - -	7	19
Hero - - -	12	23
Magnanime - - -	2	17
Monmouth - - -	-	12
Monarca - - -	8	46
Burford - - -	7	34
Eagle - - -	4	9
Exeter - - -	11	24
Sultan - - -	16	21
Worcester - - -	1	9
Isis - - -	9	19
Total	77	233

*The English and French Line of Battle on the 6th of July, 1782.*

English Ships.	Guns.	French Ships.	Guns.
Hero	74	Le Flammand	50
Exeter	64	Le Hannibal	74
Isis	50	Le Brilliant	64
Burford	70	Le Severe	64
Sultan	74	L'Hero	74
Superb	74	Le Sphinx	64
Monarca	70	Le Petit Hannibal	50
Worcester	64	L'Artisien	64
Monmouth	64	Le Vengeur	64
Eagle	64	Le Bizarre	64
Magnanime	64	L'Orient	74
		L'Ajax	64

Frigate, Seahorse.	Frigates.
	La Bellone.
	La Fine.
	La Naide.
	La Diligente.

EDW. HUGHES.

*Superb, Madras Road, August 12, 1782.*

Finding it impossible to repair the Loss of Top-masts, and the other Damages the Ships of the Squadron had sustained in the Engagement, on the 6th of last Month, with the French Squadron under the Command of M. Suffrein, without a Supply of Spars, Fishes and Cordage, and the Ammunition of the Squadron as well as its Provisions being nearly exhausted,