

The greater Number of the other Ships of the British Fleet were, at this Time, so much disabled or widely separated, and under such Circumstances with respect to those Ships of the Enemy in a State for Action, and with which the Firing was still continued, that Two or Three, even of their dismantled Ships, attempting to get away under a Spritsail singly, or smaller Sail raised on the Stump of the Foremast, could not be detained.

Seven remained in our Possession, One of which, however, sunk before the adequate Assistance could be given to her Crew; but many were saved.

The Brunswick, having lost her Mizzen Mast in the Action, and drifted to Leeward of the French retreating Ships, was obliged to put away large to the Northward from them. Not seeing her chased by the Enemy, in that Predicament, I flatter myself she may arrive in Safety at Plymouth. All the other Twenty-four Ships of His Majesty's Fleet re-assembled later in the Day; and I am preparing to return with them, as soon as the captured Ships of the Enemy are secured, for Spithead.

The material Injury to His Majesty's Ships, I understand, is confined principally to their Masts and Yards, which I conclude will be speedily replaced.

I have not been yet able to collect regular Accounts of the Killed and Wounded in the different Ships. Captain Montagu is the only Officer of his Rank who fell in the Action. The Numbers of both Descriptions I hope will prove small, the Nature of the Service considered; but I have the Concern of being to add, on the same Subject, that Admiral Graves has received a Wound in the Arm, and that Rear-Admirals Bowyer and Pasley, and Captain Hutt of the Queen, have each had a Leg taken off; they are, however, (I have the Satisfaction to hear) in a favorable State under those Misfortunes. In the captured Ships the Numbers of Killed and Wounded appear to be very considerable.

Though I shall have, on the Subject of these different Actions with the Enemy, distinguished Examples hereafter to report, I presume the determined Bravery of the several Ranks of Officers and the Ships Companies employed under my Authority, will have been already sufficiently denoted by the Effect of their spirited Exertions; and, I trust, I shall be excused for postponing the more detailed Narrative of the other Transactions of the Fleet thereon, for being communicated at a future Opportunity; more especially as my first Captain Sir Roger Curtis, who is charged with this Dispatch, will be able to give the farther Information the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may at this Time require. It is incumbent on me, nevertheless, now to add, that I am greatly indebted to him for his Councils as well as Conduct in every Branch of my Official Duties: And I have similar Assistance, in the late Occurrences, to acknowledge of my Second Captain, Sir Andrew Douglas.

I am, with great Consideration,

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Your most obedient Servant,

H O W E.

P. S. The Names and Force of the captured French Ships with the Fleet is transmitted herewith.

*List of French Ships captured on the 1st Day of June,*

	1794.	
La Juste	-	80 Guns.
Sans Pareille	-	80
L'America	-	74
L'Achille	-	74
Northumberland	-	74
L'Impetueux	-	74
Vengeur	-	74, sunk almost

immediately upon being taken Possession of.

N. B. The Ship stated to have been captured on the Evening of the 28th of last Month, is said by the Prisoners to be the Revolutionaire of 120 Guns.