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Extract of a Letter from Captain Montgomery, of His Majesty's Ship Inconstant, to Mr. Stephens, dated in Smyrna Bay, June 30, 1794.

I BEG Leave to acquaint you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I failed from Naples Bay the 1st Instant, in Company with His Majesty's Ships named in the Margin *, having under Convoy One English Merchantman and Seven Dutch, and arrived with them in Safety at this Place the 22d.

Being off the Island of Argentierra on the 16th Instant, I received Information that the French Commodore had been seen, the Evening before, between the Islands of Tino and Miconi, convoying Three Merchantmen. I immediately gave Directions to the Honorable Captain Paget to remain with the Convoy, and made Sail, with His Majesty's Ships Leda and Tartar, in the Hopes of coming up with them before they could reach the Island of Scio. Being in Sight of the said Island at Day-Light next Morning, and there being no Appearance of the Enemy, I then hauled our Wind to rejoin the Convoy; and in the Afternoon was informed, by the Master of the Mercury Smyrna Ship, of what Captain Paget had discovered. I then left the Convoy under the Care of Captain Freemantle of the Tartar, and, with the Leda, made all Sail for Miconi Bay, where we did not arrive till early the next Morning, and there found Captain Paget in Possession of La Sybille and the Three Merchantmen, as stated in his Letter to me, a Copy of which I enclose for their Lordships Information.

Too much Praise cannot be given to Captain Paget, for the very judicious and able Manner with which he conducted himself throughout the Business, and the great Care he took in placing his Ship in such Manner as not to injure the Inhabitants; and the Humanity he shewed the Prisoners, and to those who were wounded and had got on Shore after she struck, does him the highest Honor.

The very high Discipline and good Order of his Ship manifested itself on every Occasion by the

* Romney, Leda, and Tartar.

Alertness with which every Point of Duty was carried on, though she was much weakened by being, before the Action, Seventy-four working Men short of her Complement:

And it is with the greatest Satisfaction I convey to their Lordships the Encomiums Captain Paget bestows on Lieutenant Brisbane, and the rest of his Officers, which, I am persuaded, they highly merit:

I beg Leave to point out that the Island of Miconi is perfectly defenceless; there being neither a Fort, Flag or even a Turkish Inhabitant on it.

The Romney and Tartar, with La Sybille, arrived here this Day; the latter is pierced for Forty-eight Guns, and mounts Twenty-six Eighteen Pounders on the Main Deck, making Use of a shifting Gun for the spare After-Port: She carried Twelve Nine Pounders and Two Forty-two Pounder Carrounades on the Quarter Deck, and Four Nine Pounders on the Forecastle; was built at Toulon, has been launched Two Years and a Half, and measures

Her Gun-Deck, in Length - - - 157 Feet.
Extreme Breadth, from out to out - 41
Quarter-Deck, in Length - - - 82

Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Captain Paget, of His Majesty's Ship Romney, to Captain Montgomery of the Inconstant, dated in Miconi Bay, June 18, 1794.

I BEG Leave to acquaint you, that Yesterday Morning, on my Passage between the Islands of Tino and Miconi, (in His Majesty's Ship Romney, under my Command, and the Convoy I had the Honor of receiving Charge of from you the preceding Day) I discovered a Frigate, under National Colours and a Broad Pendant, at Anchor in Storm, with Three Merchantmen. Judging the Convoy to be in perfect Safety, as you was in Sight from the Mast-Head, I made the Signal for them to make the best of their Way towards you, hauled my Wind, and came to an Anchor in Miconi Road, within a little more than a Cable's Length from the French Commodore. I immediately sent to him to desire he would strike his Colours, and surrender to His Britannick Majesty,

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