

Genoa, we observed the Enemy's disabled Ship, with the one that had her in tow, to be so far to Leeward, and separated from their own Squadron, as to afford a probable Chance of our cutting them off. The Opportunity was not lost; all Sail was made to effect that Purpose, which reduced the Enemy to the Alternative of abandoning those Ships, or coming to Battle.

Although the latter did not appear to be their Choice, they yet came down (on the contrary Tack to which we were) with the View of supporting them; but the Captain and Bedford, whose Signals were made to attack the Enemy's disabled Ship and her Companion, were so far advanced, and so closely supported by the other Ships of our Van, as to cut them off effectually from any Assistance that could be given them; the Conflict ended in the Enemy's abandoning them, and firing upon our Line as they passed with a light Air of Wind.

The Two Ships that fell proved to be the Ca-ira (formerly the Couronne,) of 80 Guns, and the Censeur of 74.

Our Van Ships suffered so much by this Attack, particularly the Illustrious and Courageux (having each lost their Main and Mizzen Masts) that it became impossible for any Thing further to be effected.

I have, however, good Reason to hope, from the Enemy's steering to the Westward, after having passed our Fleet, that, whatever might have been their Design, their Intentions are for the present frustrated.

The French Fleet were loaded with Troops; the Ca-ira having Thirteen Hundred Men on Board, and the Censeur One Thousand, of whom, by their obstinate Defence, they lost in Killed and Wounded between Three and Four Hundred Men.

The Efforts of our Squadron to second my Wishes for an immediate and effectual Attack upon the Enemy, were so spirited and unanimous, that I feel peculiar Satisfaction in offering to their Lordships my cordial Commendation of all Ranks collectively. It is difficult to specify particular Desert, where Emulation was common to all, and Zeal for His Majesty's Service the general Description of the Fleet.

It is, however, an Act of Justice to express the Sense I entertain of the Services of Captain Holloway, of the Britannia: During a long Friendship with that Officer I have had repeated Proofs of his personal and professional Talents; and on this recent Demand for Experience and Information, his Zeal afforded me the most beneficial and satisfactory Assistance.

Herewith I transmit a List of the Killed, and Wounded on Board the different Ships of the Squadron, and have to lament the Loss of Captain Littlejohn, of the Berwick (who, I understand, from some of her Men that were retaken in the Ca-ira) was unfortunately killed the Morning of the Ship's being captured; by which Misfortune His Majesty has lost a most valuable and experienced Officer, and I have

only to add that he has left a Widow and Four small Children.

I am, SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

W. HOTHAM.

P. S. Enclosed are Lists of the Ships that composed the Two Squadrons on the 14th Instant.

I am now on the Way with the Prizes to St. Fiorenzo, but doubt much whether it will be possible to get them in, as they are disabled, greatly shattered, and very leaky, particularly the Ca-ira.

*Return of the Officers and Men killed and wounded on Board the different Ships of the Squadron under Vice-Admiral Hotham's Command, in an Action with the French Fleet off Genoa, the 14th of March, 1795.*

Britannia, Captain Holloway.—1 Seaman killed, 18 ditto wounded.

Princess Royal, Captain Purvis.—3 Seamen killed, 7 ditto wounded, 1 Marine or Soldier wounded.

St. George, Captain Foley.—Third Lieutenant Rt. Honeyman wounded, 4 Seamen killed, 12 ditto wounded.

Windfor Castle, Captain Gore.—First Lieutenant Thomas Hawker wounded, 5 Seamen killed, 28 ditto wounded, 1 Marine or Soldier killed; 2 ditto wounded.

Captain, Captain Reeve.—Mr. William Hunter (Master) and First Lieutenant Wilson Rathbone, wounded, 3 Seamen killed, 17 ditto wounded.

Fortitude, Captain Young.—1 Seaman killed, 4 ditto wounded.

Illustrious, Captain Frederick.—Mr. Samuel Moore (Midshipman) wounded, 15 Seamen killed, 68 ditto wounded, 5 Marines or Soldiers killed, 1 ditto wounded.

Egmont, Captain Sutton.—7 Seamen killed, 21 ditto wounded.

Terrible, Captain Campbell.—6 Seamen wounded.

Courageux, Captain Montgomery.—Mr. William Coleman (Midshipman) killed, Mr. John Blackburn (Master) wounded, 8 Seamen killed, 21 ditto wounded, 6 Marines or Soldiers killed, 11 ditto wounded.

Bedford, Captain Gould.—First Lieutenant Miles wounded, 6 Seamen killed, 14 ditto wounded, 1 Marine or Soldier killed, 3 ditto wounded.

Agamemnon, Captain Nelson.—Mr. John Wilson (Master) and 12 Seamen wounded.

Diadem, Captain Tyler.—3 Seamen killed, 7 ditto wounded.

Inconstant, Captain Freemantle.—3 Seamen killed, 14 ditto wounded.

Tancredi, Le Chevalier Caraccioli.—1 Seaman killed, 5 ditto wounded.

Total.—75 killed, 280 wounded.

W. HOTHAM.