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THE following Dispatch was this Morning received from Admiral Lord Bridport, K. B.

Royal George, at Sea, June 24, 1795.

S I R,

IT is with sincere Satisfaction I acquaint you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's Squadron under my Command attacked the Enemy's Fleet, consisting of Twelve Ships of the Line, attended with Eleven Frigates and some smaller Cruizers, on the 23d Instant, close in with Port L'Orient. The Ships which struck are the Alexander, Le Formidable, and Le Tigre, which were with Difficulty retained. If the Enemy had not been protected and sheltered by the Land, I have every Reason to believe that a much greater Number, if not all the Line of Battle Ships, would have been taken or destroyed.

In detailing the Particulars of this Service, I am to state, that at the Dawn of Day on the 22d Instant, the Nymph and Astræa, being the Look-out Frigates

ahead, made the Signal for the Enemy's Fleet. I soon perceived that there was no Intention to meet me in Battle; consequently I made the Signal for Four of the best sailing Ships, the Sans Pareil, Orion, Ruffel, and Coloffus, and soon afterwards for the whole Fleet, to chase, which continued all that Day, and during the Night, with very little Wind.

Early in the Morning on the 23d Instant, the headmost Ships, the Irresistible, Orion, Queen Charlotte, Ruffel, Coloffus, and Sans Pareil, were pretty well up with the Enemy, and a little before Six o'Clock the Action began, and continued till near Nine o'Clock. When the Ships struck, the British Squadron was near to some Batteries, and in the Face of a strong Naval Port, which will manifest to the Publick the Zeal, Intrepidity and Skill of the Admirals, Captains, and all other Officers, Seamen and Soldiers employed upon this Service; and they are fully entitled to my warmest Acknowledgments.

I beg also to be allowed to mark my Approbation, in a particular Manner, of Captain Domett's Conduct, serving under my Flag, for his manly Spirit, and for
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the Assistance I received from his active and attentive Mind. I feel likewise great Satisfaction in doing Justice to the meritorious Conduct of all the Officers of every Class, as well as to the Bravery of the Seamen and Soldiers in the Royal George, upon this Event, and upon former Occasions.

I judged it necessary, upon the Information I had received of the Force of the Enemy, to put the Robust, Thunderer and Standard into my Line of Battle; but their Distance from my Squadron, and under the Circumstance of little Wind, they could not join me till after the Action was over.

I shall proceed upon my Station as soon as I have ordered a Distribution of the Prisoners, and made other necessary Arrangements for the Squadron. It is my Intention to keep at Sea, in order to fulfil every Part of my Instructions.

I have judged it necessary to send Captain Domett with my Dispatches, who will give their Lordships such farther Particulars as shall have occurred to him on the Victory we have gained.

You will herewith receive a List of the Killed and Wounded, with the Ships they belonged to, and the Commanders Names.

I am, &c.

BRIDPORT.

Evan Nepean, Esq;

N. B. I am happy to find, by the Report made to me, that Captain Grindall's Wounds are not dangerous.

Note, Captain Domett reports that the Remainder of the Enemy's Fleet made their Escape into L'Orient.

List of the Killed and Wounded on Board His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, in Action with the Enemy off Port L'Orient, June 23, 1795.

Irresistible, Capt. Grindall.—3 Seamen killed; 9 Seamen and 3 Soldiers wounded.—Captain Grindall and Mr. Troughton, the Master, wounded.

Orion, Sir James Saumarez.—5 Seamen and 1 Soldier killed; 17 Seamen and 1 Soldier wounded.

Queen Charlotte, Sir A. S. Douglas.—4 Seamen killed; 25 Seamen and 5 Soldiers wounded.—Mr. David Coutts, Master's Mate, and Mr. Hornsby Charles, Midshipman, wounded.

Ruffel, Capt. Th. Larcom.—2 Seamen and 1 Soldier killed; 9 Seamen wounded.—Capt. Bacon, of the 118th Regiment, wounded.

Coloffus, Capt. J. Monkton.—4 Seamen and 1 Soldier killed; 26 Seamen and 2 Soldiers wounded.—Lieut. Mends, and Mr. John Whyley, Midshipman, wounded.

Sans Pareil, Right Hon. Lord Hugh Seymour, Capt. Browell.—7 Seamen and 1 Soldier killed.—Lieut. C. M. Stocker, 2d Lieutenant, Lieut. W. Jephcott, 2d Lieutenant of Marines, killed; Lieut. F. J. Nott and Mr. Richard Spencer, Midshipman, wounded.

London, Capt. E. Griffith.—2 Seamen wounded.—Mr. J. E. Baker, Midshipman, wounded.

Queen, Vice-Admiral S. A. Gardner, Capt. Bedford.—None killed or wounded.

Prince George, Capt. Edge.—None killed or wounded.

Royal George Admiral Lord Bridport, Capt. Domett.—5 Seamen and 1 Soldier wounded.

BRIDPORT.

Royal George, at Sea, June 24, 1795.