

Before Eleven we had closed with the Enemy, and the Hussar had compelled the Commodore and his Second a-head to quit the Line, and make Sail to the E. S. E.

The Fire of both Ships then fell on the Centre Ship and those in the Rear. At a Quarter before Twelve the Three Ships struck their Colours; the Two in the Rear attempted, notwithstanding, to make off, One of which was soon brought-to by the Hussar. Within an Hour after the largest Ship struck, her Main and Fore Masts went over her Side. On taking Possession we found her to be *La Prevoyante*, pierced for 26 Guns on the Main Deck, with Four other Ports, which can be cut out at Pleasure, and Ten Ports below: She had only 24 mounted, Part of which they shifted over during the Action. The Ship that the Hussar had taken Possession of is called *La Raison*, carrying 18 Guns, but pierced for 24, which, with the other Three, had escaped from Guadaloupe on the 25th Ult. and were bound to one of the American Ports to take in a Cargo of Provisions and Naval Stores for France. I am sorry to say that we had Eight of our best Men killed, and Nine others wounded, some of them badly; the Hussar has been more fortunate, having only Two wounded.

From the Fire of the Three Rear Ships being principally directed at the *Thetis*, our Rigging and Sails were almost cut to pieces, our Lower Masts and Yards shot through, which, with the other Damages we received, prevented me from pursuing the Enemy, and to take Possession of those that had struck. The Damages sustained by the Hussar appeared to me in Proportion to ours; these Considerations, joined to the Information I had received, which I here enclose, made it absolutely necessary that I should not Risk the Separation of the Two Ships, which must have been the Case, had either of us followed the Enemy.

I cannot say too much in praise of Captain Beresford, for his Conduct in leading into Action, and while engaged. He speaks in the highest Terms of the Behaviour of his Officers and Ship's Company.

It is a Duty I owe to those under my immediate Command, to say, that one Soul seemed to animate the Whole, despising the apparent Superiority of the Enemy before we closed to feel their Pulse.

Allow me, in a particular Manner, to point out the Merits of Mr. Larmour, my First Lieutenant, to whom I am much indebted for the Assistance he afforded me during the Action. His Behaviour on this as well as every other Occasion justly entitles him to every Praise in my Power to bestow, and I hope may be found deserving of their Lordships Protection: Lieutenant Ravot, who was stationed on the Main Deck, conducted the Fire of the Guns under his Command much to my Satisfaction.

To Mr. Mackie, the Master, I shall ever feel obliged for the Assistance he gave me during the Action. The Carronades on the Quarter Deck were very ably served by Lieutenant Crebbin, and the Marines under his Command. *La Prevoyante* is a very fine Ship, about 143 Feet long, but not so broad as the *Thetis*; she can carry with ease 40 Guns; is only Two Years old.

*La Raison* is also a very fine Ship, and is coppered; and I trust they will both answer for His Majesty's Service. Being employed in taking on Board the Prisoners, and repairing our Damages during the Night, it was my Intention to proceed

at Day-Light after the Enemy, in Company with the Hussar, leaving the Prizes under the Charge of Lieutenant Saville, of the Prince Edward Cutter, who joined soon after the Action, and used every endeavour to arrive up while engaged; but a fresh Breeze of Wind springing up early in the Morning, enabled them to get out of Sight before Day-Break.

I therefore proceeded with the Hussar and the Prizes to this Port in order to obtain the necessary Repairs.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant,

A. F. COCHRANE.

To Evan Nepean, Esq.

*Horfe-Guards, June 27.*

DISPATCHES, of which the following are a Copy and an Extract, have been received from General Sir John Vaughan, K. B. by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

C O P Y.

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*Martinico, April 16, 1795.*

THE Enemy having gained to their Cause many of the French Inhabitants and Negroes in Grenada, and concerted Measures for raising an Insurrection in that Colony, which, from the Perfidy of the Inhabitants alluded to, they were invited to attempt, they conveyed to that Island, early in last Month, a Quantity of Arms and Ammunition, with a small Number of Troops, which, secretly joining themselves to the Conspirators, appeared suddenly in Arms.

Lieutenant-Governor Home and many other Gentlemen in the Country were surprized and made Prisoners. His Majesty's Troops being employed on many Points, this dangerous Revolt could not be immediately suppressed, though, from the Exertions of Captain Rogers, of His Majesty's Ship the *Quebec*, and of the Garrison there, joined to the Militia, they were kept in Check.

The unfortunate Death of Brigadier-General Lindsay, (whom I sent to command there) a few Days after his Arrival, retarded the Operations against them. Upon the Arrival of the Reinforcement, under the Convoy of Rear-Admiral Parker, at Barbadoes, Two Battalions, with a Detachment of Royal Artillery, were ordered to Grenada. Several Skirmishes happened since their Landing, in one of which, on the 10th Instant, it is with Concern I have learnt that Captain Stopford, of the 9th Regiment, Captain Hewan, of the 25th, and Ensign Baillie, of the 29th, were killed, and about Twenty Men killed and Sixty wounded, owing entirely to their attempting the Side of a steep Mountain, defended with Abbatis.

Brigadier-General Nicolls, whom I have sent to command there, will, I am satisfied, make every Exertion to subdue this Enemy; and I trust soon to receive good Accounts from him.

I am sorry to add, that the Enemy has committed many Acts of Barbarity.

In St. Vincent the Charibbs, instigated by the French, and joined by most of the French Inhabitants, seized a favourable Time, most treacherously, to attack the English Inhabitants of that Colony. The Acts of Cruelty, which they have committed upon defenceless Men, Women and Children, are beyond