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

Royal George, at Sea, June 24, 1795.

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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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