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THE Honorable Captain Capel, of His Majesty's Sloop Mutine, arrived this Morning with Dispatches from Rear-Admiral Sir Horatio Nelson, K. B. to Evan Nepean, Esq. Secretary of the Admiralty, of which the following are Copies:

Vanguard, Mouth of the Nile, August 7, 1798.

SIR,

HEREWITH I have the Honor to transmit you a Copy of my Letter to the Earl of St. Vincent, together with a Line of Battle of the English and French Squadrons, also a List of Killed and Wounded. I have the Pleasure to inform you, that Eight of our Ships have already Top-Gallant Yards across, and ready for any Service; the others, with the Prizes, will soon be ready for Sea. In an Event of this Importance, I have thought it right to send Captain Capel with a Copy of my Letter (to the Commander in Chief) over Land, which I hope their Lordships will approve; and beg Leave to refer them to Captain Capel, who is a most excellent Officer, and fully able to give every Information; and I beg Leave to recommend him to their Lordships' Notice.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HORATIO NELSON.

P. S. The Island I have taken Possession of, and brought off the Two Thirteen-Inch Mortars, all the Brass Guns, and destroyed the Iron ones.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

Vanguard, off the Mouth of the Nile, August 3, 1798.

MY LORD, Almighty God has blessed His Majesty's Arms in the late Battle, by a great Victory over the Fleet of the Enemy, whom I attacked at Sun-set on the 1st of August off the Mouth of the Nile. The Enemy were moored in a strong Line of Battle for defending the Entrance of the Bay (of Shoals), flanked by numerous Gun-Boats, Four Frigates, and a Battery of Guns and Mortars on an Island in their Van; but nothing could withstand the Squadron your Lordship did me the Honour to place under my Command. Their high State of Discipline is well known to you, and with the Judgment of the Captains, together with their Valour and that of the Officers and Men of every Description, it was absolutely irresistible.

Could any Thing from my Pen add to the Characters of the Captains, I would write it with Pleasure, but that is impossible.

I have to regret the Loss of Captain Westcott of the Majestic, who was killed early in the Action; but the Ship was continued to be so well fought by her First Lieutenant, Mr. Cuthbert, that I have given him an Order to command her till your Lordship's Pleasure is known.

The Ships of the Enemy, all but their Two Rear Ships, are nearly dismasted; and those Two, with Two Frigates, I am sorry to say, made their Escape; nor was it, I assure you, in my Power to prevent them. Captain Hood most handsomely endeavoured

to do it, but I had no Ship in a Condition to support the Zealous, and I was obliged to call her in.

The Support and Assistance I have received from Captain Berry cannot be sufficiently expressed. I was wounded in the Head, and obliged to be carried off the Deck, but the Service suffered no Loss by that Event. Captain Berry was fully equal to the important Service then going on, and to him I must beg leave to refer you for every Information relative to this Victory. He will present you with the Flag of the Second in Command, that of the Commander in Chief being burnt in the L'Orient.

Herewith I transmit you Lists of the Killed and Wounded, and the Lines of Battle of ourselves and the French.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

HORATIO NELSON.

To Admiral the Earl of St. Vincent,
Commander in Chief, &c. &c.
&c. off Cadix.

LINE OF BATTLE.

1. *Culloden*, T. Troubridge, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
2. *Thefeus*, R. W. Miller, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
3. *Alexander*, Alex. J. Ball, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
4. *Vanguard*, Rear Admiral Sir Horatio Nelson, K. B. Edward Berry, Captain, 74 Guns, 595 Men.
5. *Minotaur*, Thomas Louis, Captain, 74 Guns, 640 Men.
6. *Leander*, T. B. Thompson, Captain, 50 Guns, 343 Men.
7. *Swiftsure*, B. Hallowell, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
8. *Audacious*, Davidge Gould, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
9. *Defence*, John Peyton, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
10. *Zealous*, Samuel Hood, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
11. *Orion*, Sir James Saumarez, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
12. *Goliath*, Tho. Foley, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
13. *Majestic*, Geo. B. Westcott, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
14. *Bellerophon*, Henry D. E. Darby, Captain, 74 Guns, 590 Men.
La Mutine Brig.

HORATIO NELSON.

*Vanguard, off the Mouth of the Nile,
August 3, 1798.*

FRENCH LINE OF BATTLE.

1. *Le Guerrier*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Taken.
2. *Le Conquerant*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Taken.
3. *Le Spartiate*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Taken.
4. *L'Aiglon*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Taken.
5. *Le Souverain Peuple*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Taken.
6. *Le Franklin*, Blanquet, First Contre Amiral, 80 Guns, 800 Men.—Taken.
7. *L'Orient*, Brueys, Admiral and Commander in Chief, 120 Guns, 1010 Men.—Burnt.
8. *Le Tonant*, 80 Guns, 800 Men.—Taken.
9. *L'Heureux*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Taken.
10. *Le Timoleon*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Burnt.
11. *Le Mercure*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Taken.
12. *Le Guillaume Tell*, Villeneuve, Second Contre Amiral, 80 Guns, 800 Men.—Escaped.
13. *Le Genereux*, 74 Guns, 700 Men.—Escaped.

FRIGATES.

14. *Le Diane*, 48 Guns, 300 Men.—Escaped.
15. *Le Justice*, 44 Guns, 300 Men.—Escaped.
16. *L'Artemise*, 36 Guns, 250 Men.—Burnt.
17. *Le Serieuse*, 36 Guns, 250 Men.—Dismasted and sunk.

HORATIO NELSON.

*Vanguard, off the Mouth of the Nile,
August 3, 1798.*

A Return of the Killed and Wounded in His Majesty's Ships under the Command of Sir Horatio Nelson, K. B. Rear-Admiral of the Blue, in Action with the French, at Anchor, on the 1st of August 1798, off the Mouth of the Nile.

Thefeus.—5 Seamen, killed; 1 Officer, 24 Seamen, 5 Marines, wounded.—Total 35.

Alexander.—1 Officer, 13 Seamen, killed; 5 Officers, 48 Seamen, 5 Marines, wounded.—Total 72.

Vanguard.—3 Officers, 20 Seamen, 7 Marines, killed; 7 Officers, 60 Seamen, 8 Marines, wounded.—Total 105.

Minotaur.—2 Officers, 18 Seamen, 3 Marines, killed; 4 Officers, 54 Seamen, 6 Marines, wounded.—Total 87.

Swiftsure.—7 Seamen, killed; 1 Officer, 19 Seamen, 2 Marines, wounded.—Total 29.

Audacious.—1 Seamen, killed; 2 Officers, 31 Seamen, 2 Marines, wounded.—Total 36.

Defence.—3 Seamen, 1 Marine, killed; 9 Seamen, 2 Marines, wounded.—Total 15.

Zealous.—1 Seaman, killed; 7 Seamen, wounded.—Total 8.

Orion.—1 Officer, 11 Seamen, 1 Marine, killed; 5 Officers, 18 Seamen, 6 Marines, wounded.—Total 42.

Goliath.—2 Officers, 12 Seamen, 7 Marines, killed; 4 Officers, 28 Seamen, 9 Marines, wounded.—Total 62.

Majestic.—3 Officers, 33 Seamen, 14 Marines, killed; 3 Officers, 124 Seamen, 16 Marines, wounded.—Total 193.



Bellerophon.—4 Officers, 32 Seamen, 13 Marines, killed; 5 Officers, 126 Seamen, 17 Marines, wounded.—Total 197.

Leander.—14 Seamen, wounded.

Total—16 Officers, 156 Seamen, 46 Marines, killed.—37 Officers, 562 Seamen, 78 Marines, wounded.—Total 895.

OFFICERS KILLED.

Vanguard.—Captain Taddy, Marines; Mr. Thomas Seymour, Mr. John G. Taylor; Midshipmen.

Alexander.—Mr. John Collins, Lieutenant.

Orion.—Mr. Baird, Captain's Clerk.

Goliath.—Mr. William Davies, Master's Mate; Mr. Andrew Brown, Midshipman.

Majestic.—George B. Westcott, Captain; Mr. Zebedee Ford, Midshipman; Mr. Andrew Gilmore, Boatswain.

Bellerophon.—Mr. Robert Savage Daniel, Mr. Ph. W. Launder, Mr. George Joliffe, Lieutenants; Mr. Thomas Ellifon, Master's Mate.

Minotaur.—Lieutenant J. S. Kirchner, Master; Mr. Peter Walters, Master's Mate.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

Vanguard.—Mr. N. Vaffal, Mr. J. Adye, Lieutenants; Mr. J. Campbell, Admiral's Secretary; Mr. M. Austin, Boatswain; Mr. J. Weatherston, Mr. George Antrim, Midshipmen.

Thefeus.—Lieutenant Hawkins.

Alexander.—Alexander J. Ball, Esq. Captain; Capt. J. Creswell, Marines; Mr. W. Lawson, Master; Mr. G. Bully, Mr. Luke Anderson, Midshipmen.

Audacious.—Mr. John Jeans, Lieutenant; Mr. Christopher Font, Gunner.

Orion.—Sir James Saumarez, Captain; Mr. Peter Sadler, Boatswain; Mr. Phil. Richardson, Mr. Ch. Miell, Mr. Lanfelty, Midshipmen.

Goliath.—Mr. William Wilkinson, Lieutenant; Mr. Law. Graves, Midshipman; Mr. P. Strachan School-Master; Mr. James Payne, Midshipman.

Majestic.—Mr. Charles Seward, Mr. Charles Royle, Midshipmen; Mr. Robert Overton, Captain's Clerk.

Bellerophon.—H. D. Darby, Esq. Captain; Mr. Ed. Kirby, Master; Captain John Hopkins, Marines; Mr. Chapman, Boatswain; Mr. Nicholas Bettfon, Midshipman.

Minotaur.—Mr. Thomas Irwin, Lieutenant; Lieutenant John Jewell, Marines; Mr. Thomas Foxten, 2d Master; Mr. Martin Wills, Midshipman.

Swiftsure.—Mr. William Smith, Midshipman.

HORATIO NELSON.

*Vanguard, off the Mouth of the Nile,
August 11, 1798.*

SIR,

HEREWITH I send you a Copy of my Letter to the Earl of St. Vincent of this Date.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HORATIO NELSON.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

*Vanguard, off the Mouth of the Nile,
August 11, 1798.*

MY LORD,

THE Swiftsure brought in this Morning La Fortune, French Corvette of 18 Guns and 70 Men.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

HORATIO NELSON.

Earl St. Vincent.

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