

of the Mount. The Main Body of the Army, finding the Road between the Sea and Mount Carmel thus exposed, came in by that of Nazareth, and invested the Town of Acre to the East, but not without being much harassed by the Samaritan Arabs, who are even more inimical to the French than the Egyptians, and better armed. As the Enemy returned our Fire by Musketry only, it was evident they had not brought Cannon with them, which were therefore to be expected by Sea, and Measures were taken accordingly for intercepting them; the Thefeus was already detached off Jaffa (Joppa). The Enemy's Flotilla which came in from Sea fell in with and captured the Torride, and was coming round Mount Carmel, when it was discovered from the Tigre, consisting of a Corvette and Nine Sail of Gun Vessels; on seeing us they hauled off. The Alacrity of the Ship's Company in making sail after them was highly praiseworthy; our Guns soon reached them, and Seven, as per inclosed List, struck; the Corvette containing Buonaparte's private Property, and Two small Vessels escaped, since it became an Object to secure the Prizes without chasing further; their Cargoes consisting of the Battering Train of Artillery, Ammunition, Platforms, &c. destined for the Siege of Acre being much wanted for its Defence. The Prizes were accordingly anchored off the Town, manned from the Ships, and immediately employed in harassing the Enemy's Posts, impeding his Approaches, and covering the Ship's Boats sent further in Shore to cut off his Supplies of Provisions conveyed Coastwise. They have been constantly occupied in these Services for these Five Days and Nights past; and such has been the Zeal of their Crews, that they requested not to be relieved, after many Hours excessive Labour at their Guns and Oars. I am sorry to say that we have met with some Loss, as per inclosed List, which, however, is balanced by greater on the Part of the Enemy, by the Encouragement given to the Turkish Troops from our Example, and by the Time that is gained for the Arrival of a sufficient Force to render Buonaparte's whole Project abortive. I have had Reason to be perfectly satisfied with the Gallantry and Perseverance of Lieutenants Bushby, Inglefield, Knight, Stokes, and Lieutenant Burton, of the Marines, and of the Petty Officers and Men under their Orders.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) W. SIDNEY SMITH.

Right Honorable Earl St. Vincent,  
Commander in Chief.

List of the Gun Vessels composing the French Flotilla bound from Alexandria and Damietta to St. John d'Acre, taken off Cape Carmel by His Majesty's Ship Tigre, Commodore Sir Sidney Smith, K. S. the 18th March, 1799, at Eight o'Clock P. M. after a Chace of Three Hours.

La Negresse, of Six Guns and Fifty-three Men.

La Fondre, of Eight Guns and Fifty-two Men.

La Dangereuse, of Six Guns and Twenty-three Men.

La Maria Rose, of Four Guns and Twenty-two Men.

La Dame de Grace, of Four Guns and Thirty-five Men.

Les Deux Frores, of Four Guns and Twenty-three Men.

La Torride, (taken in the Morning of that Day and retaken,) of Two Guns and Thirty Men.

Total.—Seven Gun-Boats, Thirty-four Guns, and Two Hundred and Thirty-eight Men.

These Gun-Boats were loaded, besides their own Complements, with battering Cannon, Ammunition, and every Kind of Siege Equipage, for Buonaparte's Army before Acre.

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

On board the Tigre off Acre,

March 23, 1799.

N. B. The Marienne Gun-Boat was taken previously, and the Transport No. 1, subsequently, by the Tigre.

Return of the Killed and Wounded in the Boats of His Majesty's Ships Tigre and Thefeus, and in the Gun-Vessels employed against the French Army before Acre, from the 17th to the 23d March, 1799.

Tigre.—Mr. Arthur Lambert, Mr. John Goodman, and Mr. John Gell, Midshipmen, and Eight Seamen, killed; Twenty Seamen, wounded, of which Eight are among the Twenty Prisoners.

Thefeus.—Mr. John Carra, Midshipman, killed; John Waters, Midshipman, and Six Seamen, wounded.

Total.—Four Midshipmen and Eight Seamen, killed; and One Midshipman and Twenty-six Seamen, wounded.

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

On board His Majesty's Ship Tigre

before Acre, March 23, 1799.

N. B. The Officers, Petty Officers, and Seamen employed on this Service were Volunteers. The dead Bodies of Mr. Gell, and Peter M'Kircher, Seaman, which fell into the Hands of the Enemy, were buried by them with the Honors of War.

Admiralty-Office, June 22, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Keith, Vice-Admiral of the Red, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on board the Barfleur, off Cadix, the 27th April, 1799.

SIR,

I Have the Honor to inclose a Copy of a Letter I received from Captain Hope, of His Majesty's Ship Majestic, announcing his having destroyed a French Ship Privateer, mounting Sixteen long Guns and Carronades, which I have also communicated to the Commander in Chief.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

KEITH.

MY LORD, *Majestic, 6th April, 1799.*

I Have the Honor of informing your Lordship that a French Ship Privateer, coppered, and amounting Sixteen long Guns and Carronades, was Yesterday drove on Shore by His Majesty's Ship Majestic and Transfer Brig, under Cover of a Fort a few Leagues to the Eastward of Velez Malaga, where, finding it impossible to get her off, she was destroyed by the Boats of the Majestic, under the Command of Lieutenant Boger.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) GEO. HOPE.

The Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B.  
Vice-Admiral of the Red, &c. &c. &c.