

to deal with, so as to keep at a greater Distance. The Apprehensions of the Garrison are quieted as to the Effect of the Mine, which we have besides learnt how to countermine with Advantage, and more Time is gained for the Arrival of the Reinforcements daily expected.

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

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

*Right Honorable Earl St. Vincent, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*Tigre, moored under the Walls of Acre, May 2, 1799.*

MY LORD,  
THE Enemy continue to make the most vigorous Efforts to overcome our Resistance in the Defence of this Place. The Garrison has made occasional Sorties protected by our small Boats on their Flank with Field Pieces, in which the most essential Service has been performed by Lieutenant Brodie and Mr. Atkinson of the Thefeus, and Mr. Joes, Master of the Tigre, who commanded them.

Yesterday the Enemy, after many Hours heavy Cannonade from Thirty Pieces of Artillery brought from Jaffa, made a Fourth Attempt to mount the Breach, now much widened; but were repulsed with Loss. The Tigre moored on one Side and the Thefeus on the other flank the Town Walls; the Gun Boats, Launches, and other Rowing Boats continue to flank the Enemy's Trenches to their great Annoyance. Nothing but Desperation can induce them to make the Sort of Attempts they do to mount a Breach practicable only by the Means of Scaling Ladders, under such a Fire as we pour in upon them; and it is impossible to see the Lives even of our Enemies thus sacrificed, and so much Bravery misapplied, without Regret. Our Loss is as per List enclosed, and we have therein to lament some of the bravest and best among us. Captain Wilmot was shot on the 8th Ultimo, by a Rifleman, as he was mounting a Howitzer on the Breach: his Loss is severely felt.

We have run out a Ravelin on each Side of the Enemy's nearest Approach, in which the Marines of the Tigre and Thefeus have worked under a heavy and incessant Fire from the Enemy in a Way that commands the Admiration and Gratitude of the Turks, as it is evident the Flanking Fire produced from them contributed much to save the Place Yesterday. Colonel Phelipeaux, of the Engineers, who projected and superintended the Execution, has fallen a Sacrifice to his Zeal for this Service; want of Rest and Exposure to the Sun having given him a Fever, of which he died this Morning; our Grief for this Loss is excessive on every Account. Colonel Douglas supplies his Place, having hitherto carried on the Work under his Direction, and is indefatigable in completing it for the Reception of Cannon. I must not omit to mention, to the Credit of the Turks, that they fetch the Gabions, Farcines, and those Materials which the Garrison does not afford, from the Face of the Enemy's Works, setting Fire to what they cannot bring away. The Enemy repair in One Night all the Mischief we do them in the Day, and continue within Half Pistol Shot of the Walls in spite of the constant Fire kept up from the Ramparts under the Direction of Lieutenant Knight.

I hope I need not assure your Lordship that we shall continue to do our Duty to the utmost of our Power, in spite of all Obstacles; among which, Climate, as it affects Health; and the exposed Nature of our rocky Anchorage, are the most formidable, since they are not to be overcome, which I trust the Enemy are by our Exertions.

I am, &c. &c.

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

*The Right Honorable Earl St. Vincent, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*Return of the Killed and Wounded belonging to His Majesty's Ships Tigre, Thefeus, and Alliance, at the Sortie from the Town of Acre, against the French besieging that Town, on the 7th Day of April, 1799.*

Tigre.—Lieutenant Wright, Mr. Janverin, Midshipman, and Eleven Men, wounded.

Thefeus.—Major Oldfield, of Marines, and Two Private Marines, killed; Lieutenant Beatty, of Marines, Mr. James M. B. Forbes, Midshipman, (slightly,) Serjeant Cavanagh, and Four Private Marines, wounded.

Alliance.—One Seaman and Two Marines, wounded.

Total.—One Major and Two Private Marines, killed; One Lieutenant, One Lieutenant of Marines, Two Midshipmen, One Serjeant, Six Private Marines, and Twelve Seamen, wounded.

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

*On board His Majesty's Ship Tigre, off Acre, the 8th Day of April, 1799.*

*Return of the Casualties, Killed, and Wounded, belonging to His Majesty's Ships Tigre, Thefeus, and Alliance, between the 8th Day of April, 1799, and the 2d Day of May following, employed in the Defence of Acre.*

Tigre.—Mr. Edward Morris, Midshipman, and James Maugham, Andrew Wall, and Robert Bennet, Seamen, killed; Lieutenant Knight, a Contusion on his Breast; John Bolton, Boatwain's Mate, William Hutchinson, William Pickard, James Bailey, Joseph Hudson, Joseph Vincquez, and William Price, Seamen, wounded.

Thefeus.—John Rich, Seaman, killed; John Chidlow, Marine, wounded.

Alliance.—Captain Wilmot, killed by a Rifle Shot as he was mounting a Howitzer on the Breach.

Total.—One Captain, One Midshipman, and Four Seamen, killed; One Lieutenant, One Boatwain's Mate, Six Seamen, and One Marine, wounded.

W. SIDNEY SMITH.

*On board His Majesty's Ship Tigre, St. Jean d'Acre Bay, the 2d Day of May, 1799.*

Admiralty-Office, August 3, 1799.

*Extract of a Letter from Mr. Christopher Anderson, Commander of the Bull Dog Privateer, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in the River of Vienna, Portugal, the 11th July, 1799.*

I Take the Liberty to acquaint you that on the 7th Instant, being in Vigo Bay, I took and destroyed Four small Coasters, having on board