

I have now the Honor to enclose you herewith the Line of Battle in which the Squadron advanced, a Copy of my Summons to the Dutch Admiral, and also a List of the Dutch Fleet.

Admiral Story's Flag is down, and I have sent an Officer on board each of his Ships to have an Eye over and the Charge of them, as they themselves requested that it should be so.

I have also furnished them with the Prince of Orange's Standard, many of them not having had it before, and they are now all under these Colours.

To maintain Quiet among their Crews, I issued a short Manifesto, of which I also enclose a Copy herewith.

The animated Exertions and Conduct of the whole Squadron are far above any Praise I can bestow on them; but I shall ever feel most sensibly impressed on my Heart their spirited Conduct during the whole of this Business. We have all felt the same Zeal for the Honor of our Sovereign and our Country; and although the Conclusion has not turned out as we expected, yet the Merit I may say, in some Measure, is still not the less due to my Squadron; and, if I had brought them to Action, I trust it would have added another Laurel to the Navy of England in this present War. The Dutch were astonished and thunderstruck at the Approach of our Squadron, never believing it possible that we could so soon have laid down the Buoys and led down to them in Line of Battle in a Channel where they themselves go through but with One or Two Ships at a Time.

I have sent Lieutenant Collier with these Dispatches, who will give their Lordships every Information, as he has been employed in the Whole of the Communication with the Dutch Squadron and was also on Shore with me as my Aide-du-Camp on the Day of Landing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

A. MITCHELL.

P. S. Since writing the above I received the Dutch Admiral's Answer in Writing, which I enclose herewith.

LINE OF BATTLE,

at Noon, August 30, 1799.

Glatton, Captain Charles Cobb, 54 Guns, 343 Men.
Romney, Captain John Lawford, 50 Guns, 343 Men.
Isis, Vice-Admiral Mitchell, Captain James Oughton, 50 Guns, 343 Men.
Veteran, Captain A. C. Dickson, 64 Guns, 491 Men.

Ardent, Captain T. Bertie, 64 Guns, 491 Men.
Belliqueux, Captain R. Bulteel, 64 Guns, 491 Men.
Monmouth, Captain George Hart, 64 Guns, 491 Men.

Overijssel, Captain J. Bazeley, 64 Guns, 491 Men.

Mistisloff, Captain A. Moller, 66, 672 Men.

Melpomene, *Latona*, *Shannon*, *Juno*, and *Lutine*, Frigates.

Given on Board the *Isis* in the Vleider Channel, August 30, 1799.

A. MITCHELL

To ——— Captain of His Majesty's Ship the ——— by Command of the Vice-Admiral.

Isis, under Sail in Line of Battle,
 August 30, 1799.

SIR,

I DESIRE you will instantly hoist the Flag of His Serene Highness the Prince of Orange. If you do, you will be immediately considered as Friends of the King of Great Britain, my most gracious Sovereign, otherwise take the Consequences. Painful it will be to me for the Loss of Blood it may occasion, but the Guilt will be on your own Head.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) ANDREW MITCHELL,

Vice-Admiral and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships employed on the present Expedition.

To Rear Admiral Story, or
 the Commander in Chief of
 the Dutch Squadron.

A List of the Dutch Squadron taken Possession of in the Texel by Vice-Admiral Mitchell, August 30, 1799.

Washington, Rear-Admiral Story, Captain Capelle, 74 Guns.

Gelderland, Captain Waldeck, 68 Guns.

Admiral de Ruyter, Captain Huijs, 68 Guns.

Utrecht, Captain Kolf, 68 Guns.

Cerberus, Captain De Jong, 68 Guns.

Leyden, Captain Van Braam, 68 Guns.

Beschermer, Captain Eilbracht, 54 Guns.

Batavier, Captain Van Senden, 54 Guns; under the Vleiter.

Amphitrite, Captain Schutter, 44 Guns; under the Vleiter.

Mars, Captain De Bock, 44 Guns.

Ambuscade, Captain Riverij, 32 Guns.

Galathea, Captain Droop, 16 Guns.

A. MITCHELL.