

additional Satisfaction of informing you, that the Pallas was captured close in with the Seven Islands by La Loire, Railleur, Harpy, Danae, and Fairy. Having been joined in the Night of the 6th at Nine o'Clock by La Loire, I desisted giving further Particulars, concluding Captain Newman would state the further Proceedings of the Fairy and Harpy. The Badness of the Weather obliged me to put in here, my standing Rigging, &c. being much cut. I am anxious to save the Post.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J. S. HORTON.

*His Majesty's Sloop Fairy,
5th Feb. 1800.*

SIR,

IN Compliance with your Order of the 3d Instant, His Majesty's Sloop Harpy in Company, having weighed from St. Aubin's Bay at Six A. M. I proceeded to reconnoitre St. Maloes, and at half past Eleven, Cape Frehel bearing S. E. Five or Six Miles, I discovered a large Ship running down close along Shore to the Westward, which I very soon made out to be a large Frigate, and as she did not answer the private Signal, I concluded she was an Enemy, but being so close in Shore, I saw there was no Chance of bringing her to Action, I therefore judged it necessary to tack, with the Hopes of decoying her out from the Land, which fully answered my Wishes, as she immediately gave Chace to us.

At One o'Clock the Harpy having formed close under my Stern, the Enemy arrived within Pistol Shot, when a close Action commenced, and continued until a Quarter before Three, when the Enemy made all Sail from us.—As soon as the Damages the Fairy and Harpy had sustained in the Rigging and Sails (which were very considerable) were repaired, we made all Sail in pursuit of her; at Four o'Clock Three strange Sails were discovered from the Mast-Head to the Northward, which I judged to be a Squadron of English Frigates, to whom I made the Signal for an Enemy, and at Nine were joined by His Majesty's Ships La Loire, Danae, and Railleur, in the Chace.

I must now beg Leave to acknowledge the very able Assistance and Support I received from Captain Bazely in the Harpy, who speaks in the highest Terms of the Conduct of his Officers and Ship's Company, and I cannot conclude without expressing, in the most particular Manner, the Exertions and good Conduct of the Officers and Ship's Company under my Command, and without any Disparagement to the Rest of the Officers, I trust I may be allowed to mention Mr. Smith, (First Lieutenant of the Fairy,) as a very active good Officer. Annexed is a Return of the Killed and Wounded.

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

J. S. HORTON.

*Captain D' Auvergne, (Prince of Buillon),
Senior Officer at Jersey.*

Fairy.

Four Seamen killed.
Captain Horton, slightly wounded.
Mr. Hughes, Purser, broken Arm.
Six Seamen; Four badly; and One reported since last Evening.

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Harpy.

One Seaman killed.
Three Seamen wounded.

P. S. I have the Satisfaction to inform you, that His Majesty's Ship Danae, Four or Five Miles to N. W. captured one of the Enemy's Cutters this Morning, (February 6.)

Admiralty-Office, February 18, 1800.

Copy of a Letter from Captain James Newman, Commander of His Majesty's Ship La Loire, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Sea the 5th Instant.

SIR,

I Have the Honor to acquaint their Lordships of the Capture of the French National Frigate La Pallas; Citizen Jacque Epion, Commander, by His Majesty's Ship under my Command, after a close Action of two Hours and Ten Minutes, close in Shore under Seven Islands, where she was supported by a Battery. I was most gallantly and ably seconded by Captain Turquand, of His Majesty's Sloop Railleur; and to the Captains of His Majesty's Ship Danae, and Fairy and Harpy Sloops, I feel indebted for their every Exertion to come up with the Chace. I cannot too much applaud the Conduct of the Officers and Crew under my Command, as well as Lieutenant Krenitzin of the Russian Navy; and though I wish not to particularise, I cannot let this Opportunity escape of recommending my First Lieutenant (Mr. Raynor) to their Lordships' Notice as an Officer whose Services I have witnessed on other trying Occasions.

The Pallas is a new Frigate, never at Sea before, mounting Forty-two Guns, Eighteen, Nine, and Thirty-six Pounders, was bound to Brest, victualled for Five Months, and had Three Hundred and Fifty Men on board. I inclose a List of killed and wounded; and am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

JAMES NEWMAN NEWMAN.

List of Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Ship La Loire in Action with La Pallas.

Two Seamen killed.
Three Midshipmen; Sixteen Seamen, (One of whom is since dead of his Wounds,) and One Marine wounded.

Names of the Midshipmen wounded.

Watkins Oliver Pell, Francis William Eves, John Allen Medway.

(Signed) JAMES NEWMAN NEWMAN.

A List of the Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Sloop Railleur, under my Command, in Action with the French Frigate La Pallas, on the 6th February 1800.

Killed.

Mr. William Prothers, Midshipman.
Alexander Ferguson, Gunner's Mate.

Wounded.

Robert Pring, Yeoman of the Sheets.
William Wilde, Private Marine.
John M^r Mullin, Boy.
Benjamin Gibson, Ordinary Seaman.
(Signed) W. TURQUAND, Captain.

