

tioned my Sail to theirs, that I might commence the Attack just before Daybreak; because I feared the Vessels under their Convoy (which I judged must be near) would, on our commencing a Fire, separate, and we might lose them all; at this Time the Emerald being near, I hailed and acquainted Captain Waller with my Intentions.—At Dawn of Day I bore down upon the Two Frigates, which evidently had taken us for Part of their Convoy, and upon hailing one of them, she directly endeavoured to make all possible Sail, as did the other close upon her Bow, on which I directed a Volley of Musketry to be fired, concluding they would strike; but this not having the desired Effect, I gave a Yaw, and discharged all the Guns before the Gangway at her Yards and Masts, but it was not successful in bringing any of them down; at this Time Captain Waller very judiciously shot up to the Leeward one, and in a few Minutes we so disabled their Sails and Rigging, that on my being in a Position to have fired a Broadside into them both, they struck their Colours: during this the Spaniards kept up a straggling Fire, and I should not do Justice to their Captains were I to omit saying, that from the Moment of their discovering us to be Enemies they used the greatest Exertions to get off, and displayed a Gallantry in commencing an Action with such a superior Force, as might be truly termed Temerity, for I evidently could have destroyed them. You will find by their Return of Killed and Wounded they sacrificed many Lives. It was near Half past Five when they struck, and I directly made the Emerald's Signal to chase the Third Sail, which appeared to be the other Frigate; but soon after discovering Seven more, and it being doubtful whether the Emerald (whose Copper is very bad) would come up with the Frigate, I made her Signal to attack the Convoy, which Captain Waller in a very Officer-like Manner executed, and before Night had Possession of Four of the largest. As soon as I had secured the Frigates, and put them in a State to make Sail, which took near two Hours, I gave chase to the other Frigate, but after four Hours the Wind dying away, and not appearing to gain on her so as to expect Success, I hauled towards the Emerald, and in the Afternoon took a Brig; it then becoming quite calm, and continuing so till after Dark, I saw no more of the Enemy; and the next Day joining the Emerald, I made for this Port with the Prizes, and arrived safe with them all the 10th in the Morning, when I found the Incendiary had arrived the previous Day with Two of the Stragglers that she had fortunately picked up in looking for me. In this Transaction I trust their Lordships will believe, that nothing in my Power was left undone to secure the whole of a Convoy so important to the Spaniards. The two captured Frigates which were bound to Lima with Quicksilver, are completely stored for such a Voyage, and recently coppered. On board of the Carmen the Archbishop of Buenos Ayres was a Passenger. I herewith send you a List of the Prizes, with their Force and Destination.

*Return of Two Spanish Frigates captured by the Leviathan and Emerald on the 7th April 1800.*

*Carmen*, Don Fraquin Porcel, Commander, (commanding the Expedition), of Thirty-six Guns, Three Hundred and Forty Men, and Nine Hun-

dred and Fifty Tons, from Cadiz bound to Lima; laden with One Thousand Five Hundred Quintals of Quicksilver, Sundries of Cards, and Four Twenty-four-Pound Guns; stored for Foreign Service, and victualled for Four Months: newly Coppered; Weight of Metal Twelve-Pounders; Passenger on board, El Senor Yllustrissimo Don Pedro Yncencio Bejarano, Archbishop of Buenos Ayres.

*Florentia*, Don Manuel Norates, Commander, of Thirty-six Guns, Three Hundred and Fourteen Men, and Nine Hundred and Fifty Tons, from Cadiz bound to Lima, laden with One Thousand Five Hundred Quintals of Quicksilver, Sundries of Cards, with Five Twenty-four Pound Guns: newly Coppered and Copper-fastened; Passenger Don Josef Balcazino, Official Real.

*Return of Killed and Wounded on board the Two Spanish Frigates.*

*Carmen*, 1 Officer and 10 Men, killed; 16 Men wounded.

*Florentia*, 1 Officer and 11 Men, killed; 1st and 2d Captain, with 10 Men, wounded.

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*List of Vessels captured by His Majesty's Ships Leviathan, Swiftsure, Emerald, and Incendiary, under the Orders of John Thomas Duckworth, Esq; Rear Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.*

Spanish Ship Purisima Concepciona, from Cadiz bound to Teneriffe, laden with Sundries; sent to Lisbon, March 20, 1800.

French Ship Le Puy de Dome, from Malaga bound to Cayenne, laden with Sundries; sent to Gibraltar, March 23, 1800.

Spanish Ship Confidence, of Ten Guns, Seventy Men, and Two Hundred and Twenty Tons, from Cadiz bound to Buenos Ayres, laden with Salt, Wine, Suuff, Tobacco, and Oil; sent to Gibraltar, April 6, 1800.

Spanish Brig Los Anglese, alias Barcelona, of Fourteen Guns and Six Swivels, Forty-six Men, and Two Hundred and Thirty-three Tons, from Cadiz bound to Lima, laden with Bale Goods, &c.; sent to Gibraltar, April 6, 1800.

Spanish Ship La Bassanca, of Four Guns, Thirty-five Men, and Three Hundred Tons, from Cadiz bound to Buenos Ayres, laden with Sundries; sent to Gibraltar, April 6, 1800.

Spanish Sloop La Neufra Senora de las Delares, of Thirteen Men and Seventy Tons, from Cadiz bound to Buenos Ayres, laden with Sundries; sent to Gibraltar, April 6, 1800.

Spanish Brig El Veneato, of Eighteen Men and Eighty-five Tons, from Cadiz bound to Chi Salida, laden with Wine, Spirits, &c.; sent to Gibraltar, April 7, 1800.

Spanish Ship Providence, of Thirty-two Guns, One Hundred and Eighty Men, and Five Hundred Tons, from Cadiz bound to Lima, laden with Bale Goods, &c.; sent to Gibraltar, April 7, 1800.

Spanish Ship Caraguena, of Fourteen Guns, Seventy Men, and Two Hundred and Sixty Tons, from