

the Gallantry that has been evinced in the Execution of the Enterprize.

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

KEITH.

*Phaeton, off Malaga, 28th
October 1800.*

MY LORD,

I Have the Honor to acquaint your Lordship, that on the 25th Instant, His Majesty's Ship under my Command chased a Ship Polacre, which shewed Spanish Colours, Ensign and Pendant, to an Anchor under the Fortrefs of Fangerolle, where a French Privateer Brig also took Refuge; as the Wind was on Shore, and they were close into the Surf, and directly under a Battery of Five heavy Guns, there was no Prospect of bringing them off then; the following Night the Brig escaped to the Westward, and the Ship made Two Attempts for Malaga, but was driven back; last Night the Land Breeze appearing favourable, I sent the Boats under the Command of Lieutenant Francis Beaufort, who, at Five o'Clock this Morning, in Opposition to a very obstinate Resistance on first boarding at the Hatchways with Musketry, and from the rising Quarter-Deck, with Sabres, got Possession, and brought her out; she proves His Most Catholic Majesty's Armed Ship the San Josef alias L'Aglies, mounting Two Twenty-four Pounders Iron Ordnance in the Bow, Two Brads Eighteens for Stern Chace, Four Brads Twelves, and Six Four-Pounders, and most completely found in small Arms of all Kinds, commanded by an Auxiliary Officer of the Navy, and manned with Forty-nine Seamen, (of which Fifteen were absent in her Boat,) and Twenty-two Soldiers as Marines, employed as a Packet, and carrying Provisions between Malaga and Melila: From the Force of the Ship, her State of Preparation, and Situation with Respect to the Fort, also the unfortunate Circumstance of the Launch, (from whose Carronade much was expected in the Plan for the Attack,) having not been able to keep up with the other Boats, and being distant when they were discovered and fired on by a French Privateer Schooner that had come in unseen by us in the Night, and was placed to flank the Ship, and gave the Alarm, on which the Barge and Two Cutters immediately pulled to the Ship and boarded; I am convinced more determined Bravery could not have been displayed than has been shewn by Lieutenants Beaufort and Huish, Lieutenant Duncan Campbell of the Marines, Messrs. Hamilton and Stanton, Midshipmen, and Mr. Deagon the Gunner, and the Boat's Crew employed upon the Service; and it is with extreme Concern I add, that one Seaman was killed on coming alongside, and that their very gallant Leader (in whom I have ever found a most capable and zealous Assitant) was first wounded in the Head, and afterwards received several Slugs through his Left Arm and Body; Lieutenant Campbell received several slight Sabre Wounds; Mr. Augustus Barrington Hamilton was shot, while in the Boat, through the Thigh, notwithstanding which he boarded, and his Conduct is highly spoken of; and John Wells a Seaman, also shot through the Thigh: The Loss of the Enemy appears to have been Thirteen Wounded, Six badly, and some are supposed to have been wounded and driven overboard.

I give your Lordship the Detail of this Service, feeling it incumbent on me to do so, to do Justice to the Parties employed upon it, humbly hoping that Mr. Beaufort's Conduct and Wounds will entitle him to the Protection given in the present War to Officers of distinguished Merit; and I regret exceedingly that Mr. Hamilton wants some considerable Part of his Servitude, as he is of an Age and in all other Respects well qualified for a Lieutenant.

Towards Day-light, the Signal being made to me that our People were in full Possession of the Prize, I chased a Vessel that had passed us an Hour before, and brought her to, under a Battery, in Cape Moleno. She proves a light Polacre, from Ceuta bound for Malaga. Afterwards, running down to pick up our Boats and People, we were carried so far to Leeward, that the French Schooner (which we had not seen from the Ship) passed to Windward along Shore to Malaga, quite out of our Reach.

I have the Honor, &c.

JAMES N. MORRIS.

Vice-Admiral Lord Keith, K. B.

&c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, November 15, 1800.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Admiral of the White, &c. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Torbay, the 12th Instant.

SIR,

I Enclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter which I have received from Captain Crawford, of His Majesty's Sloop Childers, giving an Account of his having captured a Spanish Lugger Privateer.

I am, &c.

ST. VINCENT.

*His Majesty's Sloop Childers, at Sea,
October 24, 1800.*

MY LORD,

YESTERDAY at Noon, His Majesty's Sloop under my Command captured a Spanish Lugger Privateer named Diligenté, mounting Two Four-Pounders, Four Swivels, and having on board Thirty Men: had been out Two Days from Vigo, and had made no Prize.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J. C. CRAWFORD.

*Right Hon. the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B.
&c. &c. &c.*

PRINCE of WALES's Council.

November 12, 1800.

County of Cornwall.

THE Names of those who were nominated for Sheriffs by the Council of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at His Royal Highness's Council-Chamber and Duchy-Office, Somerset-Place, on Wednesday the Twelfth Day of November, in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred.

Edward Collins, of Truthan, Esq;
Thomas Carlyon, of Tregrehan, Esq.
Thomas Rawlings, of Padstow, Esq.