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**C**APTAIN OTWAY, of His Majesty's Ship the London, arrived in Town this Morning with Dispatches from Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Commander in Chief of a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships employed on a particular Service, to Evan Nepean. Esq; dated on board the London, in Copenhagen-Roads, the 6th Instant, of which the following are Copies:

SIR,

**Y**OU will be pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that since my Letter of the 23d of March, no Opportunity of Wind offered for going up the Sound until the 25th, when the Wind shifted in a most violent Squall from the S. W. to the N. W. and North, and blew with such Violence, and with so great a Sea, as to render it impossible for any Ship to have weighed her Anchor. The Wind and Sea were even so violent as to oblige many Ships to let go a second Anchor to prevent them from driving, notwithstanding they were riding with Two Cables an End; and, by the Morning, the Wind veered again to the Southward of the West.

On the 30th of last Month, the Wind having come to the Northward, we passed into the Sound with the Fleet, but not before I had assured myself of the hostile Intentions of the Danes to oppose our Passage, as the Papers marked No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, will prove; after this Intercourse, there could be no Doubt remaining of their Determination to resist.

After anchoring about Five or Six Miles from the Island of Huin, I reconnoitered, with Vice Admiral Lord Nelson, and Rear-Admiral Graves, the formidable Line of Ships, Radeaus, pontoons, Galleys, Fire-Ships, and Gun-Boats, flanked and supported by extensive Batteries on the Two Islands called

the Crowns; the largest of which was mounted with from Fifty to Seventy Pieces of Cannon; these were again commanded by Two Ships of Seventy Guns, and a large Frigate in the Inner Road of Copenhagen; and Two Sixty-four Gun Ships (without Masts) were moored on the Flat, on the Starboard Side of the Entrance into the Arsenal.

The Day after, the Wind being Southerly, we again examined their Position, and came to the Resolution of attacking them from the Southward.

Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson, having offered his Services for conducting the Attack, had, some Days before we entered the Sound, shifted his Flag to the Elephant; and after having examined and buoyed the Outer Channel of the Middle Ground, his Lordship proceeded with the Twelve Ships of the Line named in the Margin \*, all the Frigates, Bombs, Fire-Ships, and all the small Vessels, and that Evening anchored off Draco Point to make his Disposition for the Attack, and wait for the Wind to the Southward.

It was agreed between us, that the remaining Ships with me should weigh at the same Moment his Lordship did, and menace the Crown Batteries, and the Four Ships of the Line that lay at the Entrance of the Arsenal; as also to cover our disabled Ships as they came out of Action.

I have now the Honor to enclose a Copy of Vice Admiral Lord Nelson's Report to me of the Action on the 2d Instant. His Lordship has stated so fully the Whole of his Proceedings on that Day, as only to leave me the Opportunity to testify my entire Acquiescence and Testimony of the Bravery and Intrepidity with which the Action was supported throughout the Line.

\* Elephant, Desiance, Monarch, Bellona, Edgar, Russel, Ganges, Glatton, Isis, Agamemnon, Polyphemus, Ardent.

