

twice repulsed, I may safely say that more determined Bravery has not been shewn during the War. While I admire their Gallantry, I must sympathize with the Friends of those who fell in the Action. In the Death of Lieutenant Henry Walker, who was some Time ago promoted from this Ship, the Service has lost a most promising Officer. Lieutenant Coombe's Conduct speaks for itself; although he had before lost a Leg, his Activity in the Execution of his Duty has always been remarked; in this Action he received a severe, and I fear a dangerous Wound, in the Thigh, above the former Amputation; I therefore feel assured their Lordships will judge him deserving their Protection.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

ALEX. COCHRANE.

*His Majesty's Ship Galatea, Coast of
Caracas, January 22, 1807.*

SIR,
YESTERDAY Morning we discovered, from the Malt-Head, a Sail in the S. E., steering for La Guira, and soon compelled her to another Course for Barcelona; about Noon it was mostly calm, when she appeared to be a Man of War, and, by her Manœuvre, an Enemy; she had now the Advantage of us by a Breeze, and with her lofty flying Sails, and Sweeps, was leaving us fast. At Two o'Clock her Top-gallant Sails were scarcely above the Horizon, but in a Situation between the Ship and the Coast that still afforded me Hopes of her, by Co-operation of the Boats; they pushed off, under the Direction of the First Lieut. William Coombe, manned with Five Officers, Fifty Seamen, and Twenty Marines; and, after rowing about Twelve Leagues in Eight Hours, (part of the Time under a burning Sun,) they came up with her, going, with a light Land Breeze, about Two Knots; having first hailed her, our brave Fellows instantly attempted to board on both Quarters, but by the Fire of her Guns, which had been all trained ast in readiness, and having to combat, under every Disadvantage, with more than double their Numbers, were Twice repulsed by them. The Boats now dropped, and poured through her Stern and Quarter-Ports a destructive Fire of Musketoons and small Arms, that cleared the Deck of many of the Enemy, who were all crowded ast; when, after an arduous struggle, (a Third Time,) for a Footing, our Men rushed a-board, and in a few Minutes drove all before them; the Bow-sprit and Jib-boom were covered; some flew aloft, and others below; the Captain and most of his Officers were lying wounded on the Decks, leaving the Remainder of this Handful of Men in proud Possession of the French Imperial Corvette, *Le Lynx*, of Fourteen Twenty-four Pounders Carronades, and Two long Nine-Pounders, Chafers, pierced for Eighteen Guns, and manned with One Hundred and Sixty-one Men, commanded by Monsieur Jean M. Yarquett, with Dispatches from Guadaloupe for the Caracas; she is Two Years old, and a well equipped fine Vessel, in all respects, for His Majesty's Service.

At the Head of our invaluable Mens' Names, who fell in this Quarter of an Hour's sharp Contest, stands that of the Second Lieutenant Harry Walker, of his Third Wound; of the Officers commanding our Five Boats, only Lieutenant Gibson was unhurt. It may be unnecessary to add Lieutenant

Coombe's Report, that every Man did his Duty—I am satisfied they did.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed) GEO. SAYER.

To Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander
Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief,
&c. &c. &c.

*A List of killed and wounded Officers, Seamen, and
Marines on board the Galatea and Le Lynx.*

Killed on board the Galatea.

Harry Walker, Second Lieutenant.
George Vincent, Seaman.
John Mildron, ditto.
Thomas Wheteridge, ditto.
Robert McCann, ditto.
Frederick Plank, ditto.
James Mason, Sergeant of Marines.
William Cooper, Private of Marines.
David Nicholls, ditto.

Severely wounded on board the Galatea.

William Coombe, First Lieutenant.
Barry Sarsfield, Master's-Mate.
Robert Jobbin, Petty Officer.
William Cock, Seaman.
John Fox, ditto.
William West, ditto.
Robert Haynes, ditto.
William Mills, ditto.
Richard Bartlein, Private of Marines.
Henry Thompson, ditto.
David Jones, ditto.

Slightly wounded on board the Galatea.

John Green, Master's Mate.
R. Berry, Petty Officer.
Robert Bailey, Seaman.
Thomas Whitaker, ditto.
George Griffiths, ditto.
Thomas Jones, ditto.
James Bog, ditto.
John Chapman, ditto.
John Norris, ditto.
John Lewis, ditto.
Thomas Gordon, Private of Marines.

Total—9 killed and 22 wounded—31.

Killed on board Le Lynx.

The Third Lieutenant, 13 Petty Officers, Seamen, and Soldiers.

Wounded on board Le Lynx.

The Commander, Monf. M. Yarquett, and the First Lieutenant, (both badly), 4 Officers, and 14 Seamen and Soldiers.

Total—14 killed and 20 wounded (most of them badly)—34.

(Signed) GEO. SAYER.

Admiralty-Office, April 14, 1807.

Copy of another Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Northumberland, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, February 5, 1807.

SIR,

I HAVE great Pleasure in acquainting you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with our having again Possession of His Majesty's late Sloop Favorite. She was cap-