

Matia were after the Action in Four Fathoms Water, and surrounded by many dangerous Shoals.

I anchored both Ships in the Offing to repair Damages. Whilst running out of the Road, I observed the Phoenix, with the Vessels abovementioned, and all the Dutch Merchant Ships, run on Shore.

As the first Brig I captured was of little Value, and the Crew very sickly, I put as many of the Prisoners on board of her as she could carry, and most of the Officers, and sent them to Batavia on their Parole, after running without the Islands.

I have sent Mr. Lamage, my First Lieutenant, in Charge of the Maria, whose Conduct during the Action I was fully satisfied with. And when the superior Force is considered that was opposed to us, and the great Loss the Enemy have sustained, I trust I may be permitted to recommend Lieutenant Cressly, who commanded on the Main-Deck, with acting Lieutenants Shink and Pedder, their Conduct meeting my highest Approbation.

I cannot speak too highly of Mr. Bain, the Master, in laying me alongside the Maria, and whose accurate Knowledge of the Seas enabled me to take the Ship into Batavia. The Conduct of the Warrant and Petty Officers was much to my Satisfaction, as was the brave and steady Behaviour of the Seamen and Marines.

I herewith inclose a List of our Killed and Wounded, with the Disposition of the Enemy's Squadron in these Seas, and a List of Ships taken and run on Shore by His Majesty's Ship under my Command.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

P. RAINIER.

To His Excellency Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Troubridge, Bart. &c. &c. East Indies.

P. S. I have not been able to get a correct Account of the Killed and Wounded on board the Prize, but from the Surgeon's Report they had Fifty killed and wounded.

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List of Killed and Wounded.

Killed.

John Lawson, Seaman.
William Williams, Seaman.
William Rickets, Seaman.
Four Dutch Prisoners, who were in the Hold.

Wounded dangerously, since dead.

Lieutenant Williams, Royal Marines.
William Gibbs, Seaman.
William Longmore, Seaman.
John Terry, Seaman.
Daniel Sullivan, Seaman.
Edward Barnes, Marine.

Wounded slightly.

Thomas Pearson, Seaman.
W. M. Thomas, Seaman.
Jasper Howe, Seaman.
Barnard Maxwell, Seaman.
John Lance, Seaman.
Michael McCormac, Seaman.
John Morrison, Seaman.
Alexander Creighton, Seaman.
Thomas Robinson, Seaman.
Richard Brownson, Seaman.
William Iby, Seaman.
John Lattie, Seaman.

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List of Dutch Ships taken and run on Shore at Batavia, on the 18th of October 1806, by His Majesty's Ship Caroline.

Zecrop, Fourteen Guns, Captain Groot, taken.
Maria Reygerbergen, Commodore Jager, ditto.
Phoenix, Thirty-six Guns, Captain Vanderzader, run on Shore.
Maria Wilhelmina, Six Guns, ditto.
William, Twenty Guns, Captain Fitters, ditto.
Patriot, Eighteen Guns, ditto.
Zeeplong, Fourteen Guns, ditto.
Seven Merchant Ships.

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Admiralty-Office, April 26, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral the Right Hon. Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board His Majesty's Ship Ocean, at Syracuse, February 23, 1808.

SIR,

THE Renommée and Grafshopper were stationed in December last off Carthagena, to watch the Spanish Squadron, and when Captain Searle was detached on the look-out he fell in with Three Spanish Vessels of War, described in his Letter, (a Copy of which I inclose); and notwithstanding the great Superiority of their combined Force, he attacked and took the largest of them, the Two others making their Escape.

I have great Pleasure in making this Communication to their Lordships, who will see in it an Instance of that Zeal and Enterprize which marks the general Conduct of Captain Searle.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) COLLINGWOOD.

His Majesty's Ship Grafshopper, off Carthagena, 12th Dec. 1808.

SIR,

I HAVE to acquaint you, that Yesterday, when looking out off Cape Palos, agreeably to your Directions, I discovered a Number of the Enemy's Vessels at Anchor under the Cape; His Catholic Majesty's Brig of War St. Joseph, of Twelve Twenty-four Pounders, manned with Ninety-nine Men, and commanded by Don Antonio de Torres Teasento de Naviro, got under weigh, and came out to attack His Majesty's Sloop Grafshopper under my Command, accompanied by the Two Vessels of War, belonging to His Catholic Majesty, named in the Margin*; the St. Joseph I brought to close Action, when, after Fifteen Minutes Resistance, she struck her Colours, and ran on Shore, upon which I anchored, and with the greatest Exertions of the Officers and Ship's Company succeeded in getting her off; the other Two Vessels bore up and made all Sail from us the Moment the Brig struck, or I have no doubt we should have captured the whole of them.

I beg to observe, that I received every Assistance possible from Lieutenant Cornelius Wellis, whose good Conduct on this and every other Occasion merits my warmest Thanks; the Conduct of all the Officers and Men gave me great Satisfaction.

In this Affair we had Two Men severely wounded; the Loss of the Enemy I could not ascertain.

* St. Medusa Mestrio, Ten Twenty-four-Pounders, and Seventy-seven Men; St. Aigle Mestrio, Eight Twenty-four-Pounders, and Fifty Men.