

Their Lordships have already been informed that Rear Admiral Lord Gardner accompanied me on the Service off Flushing, where his Lordship conducted himself with his accustomed Gallantry.

I have much pleasure in bearing the most ample Testimony to the Exertions of Sir Home Popham, with the advanced Flotilla, in the upper Part of the West Scheld, which has been of the most essential Service.

I have received the most satisfactory Accounts from Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, of the Conduct of Captain Charles Richardson of the *Cæsar*, with whose Activity and Zeal I have been long acquainted. Captain Richardson speaks in high Terms of the Assistance he received from Captain Blamey of the *Harpy* as well as his Gallantry throughout the whole of the Service, in the Battery worked by the Seamen. I cannot conclude this Letter, without assuring their Lordships that every Captain, Officer, Seaman, and Marine, have most zealously done their Duty, nor will it, I hope be thought taking away from the merits of Others, in drawing their Lordships particular notice to the energetic Exertions of the Captains, Officers, and Men, employed in the Gun Boats: they have been constantly under Fire, and gone through all the Hardships of their Situation, with the utmost Cheerfulness. Herewith I enclose the Reports of the Officers who have had Commands in the present Service, including the Returns of Killed and Wounded.

Lieutenant William May, First Lieutenant of my Flag Ship, is the Bearer of this Dispatch, and I recommend him to their Lordships as an Officer of merit.

I have the Honour to be &c. &c. &c.  
(Signed) R. J. STRACHAN.

*Camilla, in the West Scheld,*  
August 15, 1809.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you that in pursuance of your Instructions, I Yesterday hoisted my Flag in the *Camilla*, and am at present with Eighteen Sloops and Gun-Brigs and Four Divisions of Gun-Boats, lying between the Saeftingen Shoals, a Position judiciously chosen by Captain Sir Home Popham, as it effectually cuts off the Communication between the East and West Scheld.

The Enemy's Flotilla considerably increased in Number, has retired above or under the Protection of Lillo, and the Men of War with Top-gallant Yards crossed, are anchored off and below Antwerp, as far down as Philippe. Six of our Frigates are anchored off Waerden, waiting an Opportunity to come up.

R. G. KEATS.

Rear-Admiral Sir R. J. Strachan,  
Bart. and K. B.

*His Majesty's Sloop Plover, off Flushing,*  
August 15, 1809.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to enclose herewith, a List of Killed and Wounded on board the Flotilla under my Orders during our late Operations; and I feel it, Sir, to be a Duty incumbent on me, at the same Time to state to you, that the several Captains, Officers, and Men, which you were pleased to place under my Orders, have by their Exertions and gal-

lant Conduct, merited my warmest Praise and Acknowledgements.

Captain Aberdour who Commands the Division of Gun Boats now with me, conducted himself much to my Satisfaction during the Attack on Flushing, and under him Lieutenants Ruffel of the *San Josef*, Baker of the *Eagle*, Bull of the *Impetueux*, and Westphal First Lieutenant of the *Belleisle*, (who quitted his Ship to take Charge of a Sub-division of the Gun Boats) severally distinguished themselves in their respective Commands; indeed, Sir, the Conduct of all those who had charge of the Gun Boats on this Occasion, was highly meritorious.

The Captains of the Bomb Ships are likewise entitled to much Praise for the Judgement with which they placed their Ships, and the Precision with which the Shells were thrown from them, the constant and correct Fire from the *Ætna* Captain Lawless, particularly drew my Attention.

I beg, Sir, also to be permitted to recommend to your Notice and Consideration, Captain Philip Brown, of this Ship, to whom I feel under great Obligation, for the Assistance he has at all Times afforded me, and for the Assiduity, Skill, and Propriety with which he has managed the various Details and Arrangements of the Flotilla, at the frequent Periods of my being otherwise occupied in Gun Vessels, on Shore, &c.

Captains Phillimore and Ward, of the *Marborough* and *Resolution*, arrived with their light armed Transports Time enough to assist at the Reduction of the Fortress; but I am sorry to add, that the Country and Service have to regret the Loss of Lieutenant Rennie, who was embarked with Captain Ward, and who fell soon after getting into Action. I cannot, Sir, conclude this Letter, without also mentioning to you Lieutenant Bigland, of the *Belleisle*, who has invariably attended me as Aid-de-Camp, and whose Courage and Zeal fully entitle him to this Public Acknowledgement thereof.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G. COCKBURN, Captain of His Majesty's Ship *Belleisle*, and commanding His Majesty's Flotilla before Flushing.

Rear-Admiral Sir R. J. Strachan,  
Bart. and K. B.

*A Return of Killed and Wounded on board the Flotilla under the Orders of Captain Cockburn, of His Majesty's Ship Belleisle, at the Attack of Flushing from the 1st of August 1809, until 15th following.*

Blake, (Gun-Boat No. 67.)—1 killed, 4 wounded.  
San Josef, (Gun-Boat No. 67.)—4 wounded.  
San Domingo, (Gun-Boat No. 67.)—1 wounded.  
Orion, (Gun-Boat No. 27.)—1 killed.  
Monarch, (Gun-Boat No. 19.)—4 wounded.  
Resolution, (Gun-Boat No. 27.)—1 wounded.  
Impetueux, (Gun-Boat No. 68.)—1 killed.  
Impetueux, (Gun-Boat No. 62.)—1 killed, 3 wounded.  
Marlborough, (Gun-Boat No. 62.)—1 killed.  
Royal Sovereign Yacht, (*Ætna* Bomb.)—1 wounded.  
Hero, (Ship's Launch.)—1 killed, 2 wounded.  
Resolution, (Armed Transport Ann.)—1 killed, 2 wounded.

Total—7 killed, 22 wounded.