

board the Derwent Sloop, off Senegal, the 20th July 1809, giving an Account of the Surrender of that Settlement to His Majesty's Arms. Some Depredations having been committed on the Trade in the Neighbourhood of Senegal, by small Privateers fitted out there, Captain Columbine, and Major Maxwell, commanding the Garrison at Goree, determined to make an Attack upon the Place, and proceeded against it on the 4th July, with the Solebay, Derwent Sloop, and Tigress Gun Vessel, and some Merchant and smaller Vessels, having on board a Detachment of One Hundred and Sixty Men from Goree. The Enemy at first appeared disposed to offer some Resistance, but the Detachment being landed, together with One Hundred and Twenty Seamen and Fifty Marines, the Enemy's Force consisting of One Hundred and Sixty Regulars, and Two Hundred and Forty Militia retreated, and on the 13th a Capitulation was signed, by which the Island of St. Louis, and its Dependencies, were surrendered to the British Forces, the Garrison being conveyed to France as Prisoners of War, not to serve against His Majesty or His Allies, until regularly exchanged.

The only Loss sustained by the English on this Service, has been that of Captain Frederick Parker, of the Derwent, Mr. Francis Atterbury Sealy, Midshipman of that Sloop, and Six Seamen, drowned in attempting to cross the Bar of Senegal.

Captain Columbine speaks in high Terms of the Conduct of the Officers and Men employed on the Occasion.

On the 11th July, the Solebay in moving up the River, got on Shore and was wrecked, all her Men and Part of the Stores were saved.

Admiralty-Office, August 26, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, Bart. and K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Baltic, to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on board the Victory, off Nargen Island, 31st July 1809.

SIR,

I HEREWITH enclose, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter I have received from Captain Charles Dudley Pater of His Majesty's Ship Princess Carolina, dated off Aspo, the 26th Instant, acquainting me with his having directed an Attack to be made by the Boats of His Majesty's Ships named in the Margin*, under his Orders, which were placed under the Direction of Captain Forrest (who very handsomely offered to command the Enterprize) on a Flotilla of Four of the Enemy's Gun Boats, and a Brig in the Neighbourhood of Aspo, which was attended with the greatest Success; Three of the Gun Boats carrying Two long Eighteen-Pounders, and an armed Brig under His Imperial Russian Majesty's Colours, having been captured.

The undaunted Bravery displayed by Captain Forrest, the Officers and Men employed under his Orders, is beyond all Praise.

The Gun Boats have been lately built upon a new Construction, and being extremely well adapted for the Service in the Great Belt, I have directed them

* Princess Carolina, Minotaur, Cerberus, Prometheus.

to be surveyed, and I propose to place them under the Orders of Rear-Admiral Dixon, which I hope will meet their Lordships' Approbation.

Herewith I enclose Captain Forrest's Letter, the Returns of Killed and Wounded in the Boats of His Majesty's Ships, and the Loss sustained by the Enemy, together with a List of the Armed Vessels captured in the above Attack, which you will also be pleased to lay before their Lordships.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JAS. SAUMAREZ.

SIR, *Princess Carolina, Aspo, July 26, 1809.*

HAVING been informed that the Enemy had at this Place several Gun Boats to protect their Coasting Trade, which is of the greatest Consequence in supplying their Army, &c. in all Parts of Finland, and it having been represented to me by Captain Forrest the Probability of their being destroyed, himself having offered in the most handsome Manner to command the Expedition, which I immediately accepted, and having directed all the Boats of His Majesty's Ships Princess Carolina, Minotaur, Cerberus, and Prometheus, (in all Seventeen) armed in the best possible Way to put themselves under the Command of Captain Forrest, and to assemble on Board the Prometheus at Six o'Clock Yesterday Evening, I have now the Happiness to inform you of a successful Attack he made last Night about Half-past Ten o'Clock, on Four Gun Boats, Three of which he has captured, and a new Brig laden with Provisions: the Gun Boats had on Board in all One Hundred and Thirty-seven Men, besides Twenty-three in the Brig. They are very complete, and well found, which I intend sending to you by the Minotaur.

Inclosed I have the Honour to transmit Captain Forrest's Letter on this Subject, wherein he speaks in the highest Terms of the spirited Conduct of all the Officers and Men employed on this Occasion. Were it possible for me to say any Thing which could add to the meritorious Conduct of so gallant and good an Officer as Captain Forrest, I should most willingly do it; but I trust the Success of this brilliant Action will do more Justice to the Intrepidity of every Officer and Man employed on this Service than any Language I can possibly use.

I also beg to inclose for your Information a List of Killed and Wounded.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

CHA. DUDLEY PATER.

Sir James Saumarez, Bart. Vice-Admiral of the Blue, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Sloop Prometheus, Aspo Roads, July 26, 1809.

SIR,

I AM happy to acquaint you, that the Endeavours of the Boats of the Squadron, which you did me the Honour to place under my Command, for the Purpose of capturing or destroying the Enemy's Gun-Boat Force or Convoys in the Neighbourhood, have been crowned with the most complete Success. Three Gun Vessels of large Dimensions, of a new Construction, being captured, after a sanguinary Contest, together with a new Armed Brig, with Soldiers on board, laden with Provisions, destined for Abo.