

Enemy's Frigate, Corvette, Gun-Boats, and Batteries, in the Bay of Naples, on the 27th June 1809.

Killed.

Samuel Jones, Ordinary Seaman.
William Berry, Private of Marines.

Wounded.

Thomas Staines, Captain, dangerously.
James Hall, First Lieutenant, ditto.
Thomas Brewer, Landman, ditto.
Thomas Dewes, Able Seaman, ditto.
James Coghlan, Able Seaman, badly.
William Shenlon, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
Matthew Booth, Private of Marines, ditto.
William Richings, Private of Marines, ditto.
John Ferrior, Second Lieutenant, slightly.
John Taylor, Midshipman, ditto.
John Brown, Quarter-Master, ditto.
William Barnes, Quarter-Master's-Mate, ditto.
Carlos Pinately, Sailmaker, ditto.
James Haydon, Armourer's-Mate, ditto.
William Kelly, Able Seaman, ditto.
William Jackson, Able Seaman, ditto.
James Pearse, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
Isaac Arthur, Boy, ditto.
John Newton, Serjeant of Marines, ditto.
John Rudge, Private of Marines, ditto.

*Ville de Paris, off Toulon,
July 31, 1809.*

SIR,

I ENCLOSE a Letter from Captain Griffiths, to be laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, giving an Account of an Attack made by the Boats of the Topaze, on Nine of the Enemy's Vessels lying at Anchor in the Road of Demata, on the Coast of Albania, which were with great Gallantry boarded and brought out, notwithstanding the Opposition of a very superior Force; Three of them being Vessels regularly armed for War, and in complete Preparation for Resistance.

The Conduct and Spirit of Lieutenant Hammond on this Occasion, is deserving of the highest Praise. Mr. Garson the Acting Master, the Lieutenants Mercer and Halsted, of the Royal Marines, and the other Officers and Men, supported him in a Manner worthy of their Character of British Seamen and Marines.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

Hon. W. W. Pole.

COLLINGWOOD.

*His Majesty's Ship Topaze, off Paxo,
June 1, 1809.*

SIR,

YESTERDAY observing Nine of the Enemy's Vessels at Anchor in the Road of Demata, behind the Reef of Rocks, under the Fortrefs of St. Maura, and finding the Ship could not with Safety approach near enough to destroy them, I dispatched the Boats, under Mr. Charles Hammond, my First Lieutenant, with the Officers named in the Margin*, to bring them out.

They were obliged to row along, outside the Reef, (and also after rounding it,) exposed to the galling Fire of their whole Force, and within Half Musket-Shot, a Period of great Anxiety to me,

* Mr. G. Garson, Acting Master; Lieutenants E. S. Mercer and William Halsted, Royal Marines; H. P. Taylor and R. B. Fenwick, Master's Mates.

but which has, from great good Fortune, been attended with the Loss of only One Marine killed, One Seaman slightly wounded. The Enemy suffered much in their Retreat when boarded.

This Attempt, made in open Daylight, speaks so forcibly for itself, that I have only to inclose a Statement of its Result. I should be wanting to every Sense of Duty, if I did not mention my high Admiration of the sterling Gallantry of every Officer and Seaman employed on this Service, and in recommending Lieutenant Hammond, in the strongest Manner, to Notice. I may be permitted to call to Recollection my former Reports of this Officer, of the severe Wound he received in capturing Two of the Enemy's Vessels on this Coast, whereby his Right Hand is all but useless, and to add the able Support I received from him in the recent Rencontre with the French Frigate.

The Conduct of Mr. George Garson the Acting Master, who has passed for a Lieutenant, while it entitles him to every Commendation I can bestow, is but the Continuation of that which I have for Three Years witnessed in him, and I hope I may be allowed to solicit Attention to his genuine Merits.

I am, &c.

(Signed) A. J. GRIFFITHS, Captain.

George Worthington, Marine, killed.

Henry Johnson, Seaman, slightly wounded.

Captain Eyre, His Majesty's Ship
Magnificent, &c. &c.

List of the Enemy's Vessels captured and destroyed by the Boats of His Majesty's Ship Topaze, under St. Maura, May 31, 1809.

Zebeck, La Joubert, of 8 Guns, 6 Swivels, and 55 Men, Monf. Martin, Enseigne de Vaisseau; taken.

Cutter, La Menteur, of 4 Guns and 20 Men, P. Gabriel, Enseigne de Vaisseau; taken.

Felucca, L'Esperance, of 3 Guns and 18 Men, Commander's Name unknown; taken.

Gun-Boat, Name unknown, of 1 Gun and 16 Men; destroyed.

Gun-Boat, Name unknown, of 1 Gun and 15 Men; destroyed.

Trabaccola, Name unknown, of 29 Tons; destroyed.

Trabaccola, Name unknown, of 30 Tons; destroyed.

Balaucelles, San Juan, of 18 Tons; taken.

Trabaccola, San Nicolai, of 14 Tons; taken.

The above Vessels, except La Joubert, loaded with Timber and Brandy on Government Account. Cargoes much needed at Corfu.

A. M. GRIFFITHS, Captain.

Admiralty-Office, September 9, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Barrie of His Majesty's Ship Pomone, addressed to Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, and transmitted by his Lordship to the Hon. William Wellesley Pole.

*Pomone, off Cape Bou,
June 13, 1809.*

MY LORD,

I AM to acquaint your Lordship that at Eight o'Clock this Morning, Cape Bou bearing S. W. distant Seven Miles, after a short Chase I captured the