

The Brigs were under Sail, as near the Vessels attacked as the light Winds would allow, and Captain Hallowell speaks in high Terms of Praise of the Conduct of their Commanders Crawly, Raitt, and Wilson. The First Lieutenant Tailour led to the Assault in a most gallant Manner, and was followed by the other Officers as if each was ambitious of his Place, and desired to be first; the whole Party bravely maintained the Character which British Seamen have established for themselves.

I am sorry I have to add, that the Loss has been considerable, of which I enclose a List. Lieutenant Tait, of the Volontaire, an excellent and brave young Officer, and Mr. Caldwell Master's Mate of the Tigre, a Youth of great Promise, were the only Officers slain.

Many Officers in the Fleet were desirous of being Volunteers in this Service. I could not resist the earnest Request of Lieutenants Lord Viscount Balgonie, the Honourable J. A. Maude, and the Honourable W. Waldegrave of the Ville de Paris to have the Command of Boats, in which they displayed that Spirit which is inherent in them.

I transmit also Captain Hallowell's Letter relating his Proceedings, with Lists of the Officers who commanded Boats, and had Appointments in this Service, and of the Vessels burnt and captured.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) COLLINGWOOD.

P. S. I have charged Lieutenant Waldegrave, of the Ville de Paris, with the Delivery of my Dispatches; an Officer of great Merit, and who commanded One of the Boats employed on this Service.

His Majesty's Ship Tigre, off Cape St. Sebastian, Nov. 1, 1809.

MY LORD,
IN Obedience to your Lordship's Order of the 30th Ultimo, I proceeded to the Bay of Rosas with the Ships and Sloops named in the Margin, where finding it impracticable to attack the Enemy's Convoy while under Weigh, (the Wind being at S. E. and a heavy swell) I anchored the Ships of the Squadron Yesterday Evening, after dark, about Five Miles off the Town of Rosas, and detached all the Boats, under the Command of Lieutenant Tailour, First of the Tigre, to destroy them; the spirited Manner in which he led them on to the Attack, commanded the Admiration of every one present; and the gallant Manner in which he was supported reflects the highest Honour on every Person employed on this Service.

I have the Honour to inclose a List of Vessels captured and destroyed on this Occasion; and when your Lordship is informed that the Enemy was aware of our Intention to attack him, and had taken the Precaution of fixing boarding Nettings, and placing a Launch with a Gun in it in Advance, to give him a Notice of our Approach, and that the Vessels were also defended by the very strong Batteries on Shore, I trust your Lordship will consider it equal in Gallantry and Judgement to any Exploit that has occurred under your Lordship's Command.

Our Loss has been severe, and among the List of killed I have to lament the Loss of Lieutenant Tait, of the Volontaire, of whom Captain Bullen speaks in high Terms, as an Officer who has distinguished

himself upon many Occasions; and Mr. Caldwell, Master's Mate of the Tigre: the latter has left a widowed Mother in distressed Circumstances, who looked to him for Comfort and Support. Among the wounded are Lieutenant Tailour, of the Tigre, and Lieutenant Forster, of the Apollo, severely.

The Brigs were directed to keep under Weigh, and were in an admirable Situation at Day-light to have given Assistance, had it been necessary.

I have the Honour also to enclose a List of the Officers employed on this Service, and I have only to state that their Conduct, and that of the Seamen and Marines under their Command, was such as to exceed any Encomium from my Pen, and entitles them to my warmest Thanks and Approbation.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) B. HALLOWELL.

A List of Ships and Vessels captured and destroyed by the Boats of the Squadron under the Command of Benjamin Hallowell, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Tigre, in the Bay of Rosas, on the Morning of the 1st of November 1809.

Armed Store-Ship, La Lemproye, Bertault la Brec-treete, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, Commander, of 16 Nine-Pounders, 116 Men, and 600 Tons; burnt.—Pierced for 22 Guns on the Main-Deck, —Vessel of War.

Bombard, La Victoire, Garsibou, Ensign de Vaisseau, Commander, of 14 Six-Pounders and 80 Men; burnt.—Vessel of War.

Felucca, L'Assacien, Rouve, Master, of 25 Muskets and 20 Men; burnt.—Transport belonging to Government.

L'Union, of 150 Tons; burnt.—Landed her Cargo. La Bien Aimé, of 150 Tons, laden with Biscuit; burnt.

Notre Dame de Rosaire, of 150 Tons; burnt.—Landed her Cargo.

Felucca, Notre Dame de Grace, of 90 Tons; burnt. Landed her Cargo.

Bombard, Le Gropdire, Coreille, Ensign de Vaisseau, Commander, of 8 Six-Pounders and 45 Men, laden with Biscuit; taken.—Transport belonging to Government.

Xebeck Le Normande, Arnaut, Ensign de Vaisseau, Commander, of 10 Four-Pounders, and 48 Men; taken.—Vessel of War.

Le Dragon, of 200 Tons, laden with Biscuit; taken.

L'Indien, of 200 Tons, laden with Corn and Flour; taken. (Signed) B. HALLOWELL.

A Return of Killed and Wounded in the Attack on the Enemy's Vessels on the Morning of the 1st of November 1809, in the Bay of Rosas.

TIGRE.

Killed.

James Caldwell, Master's-Mate.

Thomas Jones (1), Able.

Alexander Duncan, ditto.

James Anderfon, ditto.

Wounded.

John Tailour, Lieutenant; severely.

D. R. Syer, Midshipman; ditto.

James Kilfoyle, Carpenter's Crew; slightly.

William Window, Quarter-Gunner; ditto.