

in this Opportunity of making my Acknowledgments to him. I have, &c.

(Signed.) G. CRAWLEY.
J. W. Spranger, Esq. Captain of His Majesty's Ship, Warrior.

Return of Prisoners and Ordnance taken in the Island of Ithaca, October 8, 1809.

- 2d Italian Regiment—3 Officers, 23 Rank and File.
- Albanians—4 Officers, 46 Rank and File.
- Total—7 Officers, 69 Rank and File.
- 1 Major de Place.

Iron Ordnance.

- 2 Six-Pounders (mounted).
 - 2 ditto (ready to mount).
 - 4 Four-Pounders (dismounted).
 - 3 Three-Pounders (dismounted).
 - 2 Nine-Pounders (dismounted).
 - Total—13.
- (Signed) R. CHURCH, Asst. Qr. Mr. Gen.

Admiralty Office, December 5, 1809.

Copy of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, addressed to the Hon. W. W. Pole, and dated on board the Ville de Paris, off Minorca, 3d October 1809.

SIR,

CAPTAIN Hargood has transmitted to me Letters from Captains West and Clephane, giving an Account of a very spirited Attack made by the Boats of the Excellent, Acorn, and Bustard, covered by the Two Sloops, on a Convoy of the Enemy, which had anchored under a Fortrefs at Duin, to the Westward of Trieste, in which all the Enemy's Vessels, consisting of Six Gun Vessels, and Ten Trabaccolas, were captured. This Enterprize their Lordships will perceive, by the Letters herewith enclosed, was well devised, and gallantly executed.—The Manner in which Captain Clephane speaks of the Conduct and Skill of Lieutenant Harper, is only a Repetition of what he has ever been entitled to when he goes upon Service; every Account of him that has come to me describes him as an admirable Officer.

I also enclose the List of Killed and Wounded on the Occasion, with Reports of the Vessels captured, and Prisoners taken.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) COLLINGWOOD.

His Majesty's Ship Excellent, at Anchor off Trieste 29th July 1809.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, an Enemy's Convoy was observed Yesterday Morning standing along the Northern Shore towards Trieste, and being of Opinion that by anchoring the Excellent as near that Shore as her Safety would admit, might enable me to cut off the Enemy from his destined Port, I immediately weighed and took up a Position accordingly.

This Movement had the desired Effect, obliging the Enemy to take Shelter in Duin, a Port four Leagues to the Northwest of Trieste.

In the Afternoon a Coaster was brought on board by the Excellent's Boat, which informed me the Enemy's Convoy was composed of Six Gun Boats and several Vessels laden with Grain.

Conceiving it very practicable to Capture or Destroy them in their present Situation, at 10 P. M. I detached His Majesty's Sloops Acorn and Bustard, which you did me the Honour to put under my Command, with all the Boats of the Excellent, under the Direction of Lieutenant John Harper, the First Lieutenant, to perform this Service. At Midnight a very heavy Cannonade was seen in that Direction, which in a short Hour ceased, when I had the Satisfaction of seeing a Rocket go up, which announced to me a favourable issue to the Enterprize.

At Noon this Day His Majesty's Sloops and Boats detached returned to this Anchorage, having with them the whole of the Enemy's Convoy which they captured the preceding Night.

Enclosed I have the Honour to transmit to you a Letter I have received from Captain Clephane of His Majesty's Sloop Acorn, and Senior Officer on the Command of this Expedition, together with a Return of killed and wounded in His Majesty's Sloops and Boats employed in this Service, as likewise of Enemy's Vessels captured and Prisoners made in the Execution of it.

The very masterly and complete Manner in which this Service has been performed by Captains Clephane and Markland of His Majesty's Sloop Acorn and Bustard, and Lieutenant John Harper in Command of the Boats of His Majesty's Ship Excellent, excites my highest Admiration; every Officer, Seaman and Marine, I am assured individually distinguish himself.

Of the Merits of Lieutenant John Harper, an Officer of fifteen Years standing, I cannot speak in Terms of sufficient Praise; his Conduct on this as on many former Occasions, was that of a most experienced and enterprising Officer.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN WEST.

His Majesty's Ship Acorn, off Trieste, July 28, 1809.

SIR,

IT is with the greatest Satisfaction I have to inform you, that the Service you did me the Honour to put under my Direction, has been completely executed by the boarding and bringing away, under a very heavy Fire, all the Gun Boats and Merchant Vessels which had taken Shelter under the Castle of Duin.

About Midnight, covered by the Fire of His Majesty's Sloops Acorn and Bustard, the Detachment of Boats, under the Orders of Lieutenant John Harper, First of the Excellent, pushed on Shore, and in about half an Hour had complete Possession of the Enemy's Vessels, at per enclosed Statement.

I take the Liberty to express my high Sense of the Conduct of Captain Markland of the Bustard, both by his leading into a Place so little known, and by the well directed Fire kept up by him.

It would be the highest Presumption in me to attempt, by any Praise of mine, to add to the Merits of Lieutenant Harper, which are so well known to you, yet I conceive it a most indispensable, and like-