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A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, was this Morning received at Lord Liverpool's Office, addressed to his Lordship by Lieutenant-General Sir J. Stuart; dated Messina, July 21, 1810.

MY LORD, *Messina, June 11, 1810.*

IT is with much Pleasure that I have the Honor of transmitting to your Lordship the within Report from Captain Reade, of the 27th Regiment, employed in the Command of the Flotilla of Gun-Boats attached to the Services of this Army, and I hope the vigilant Zeal and Activity of this Officer upon the present Occasion, in which an essential Service has been rendered, and the Gallantry of the Officers and Men under his Orders, and which was equally displayed by those of His Sicilian Majesty, will appear to your Lordship entitled to favourable Consideration. I have, &c.

J. STUART.

SIR, *Messina, June 11, 1810*

IN consequence of a Report, received from the Faro Telegraph on the Evening of the 9th Instant; that a Convoy of Enemy's Vessels were in Sight off Cape Vaticano, steering for Bagnara, I have the Honor to inform your Excellency, that I got the Flotilla under Weigh, assisted by Captain Robinson, Lieutenants Bafs and Thaine, and stood direct for Bagnara, accompanied by a Division of His Sicilian Majesty's Flotilla, under the Direction of Captain Vatoli.

At Daylight the following Morning we fortunately fell in with the Enemy close to the Marisca, betwixt Bagnara and Palmi; we attacked them instantly, and I have great Satisfaction in saying that we succeeded in capturing Fourteen large Boats, Three of which are regular Gun-Boats, each carrying a Long Eighteen-Pounder; the Remainder are Store-Boats, laden with Field Pieces, Ammunition, and Provisions; Eight Gun-Boats that were placed in front of Bagnara, at a Distance of One Hundred Yards from each other, for the Protection of the Boats that were drawn up on Shore, were sunk by the heavy and well-directed Fire of our Flotilla.

I beg to report the good Conduct of the Officers and Men, British and Sicilian; they behaved with a degree of Coolness that does them great Credit.

Our Loss is trifling, considering we were obliged to make the Attack within Grape-Shot Distance of Three Batteries; it consists in One Man wounded, and One Scampavia sunk, the Crew saved.

During the Engagement one of the Sicilian Gun-Boats, (which had got on Shore at the Faro Point early in the Morning,) in endeavouring to join us was attacked, off Scylla, by Three French Scampavias, and I am sorry to say was captured without the smallest Resistance.

The Convoy, which consisted of Four Gun-Boats and Forty Store-Boats, were Twenty-five Days from Naples.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

T. READE,
Captain commanding Flotilla.

Admiralty-Office, August 4, 1810.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir Charles Cotton, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board the *San Josef*, off Toulon, June 3, 1810.

SIR,

I ENCLOSE herewith for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Copy of a Letter from Captain Brenton of the *Spartan*, giving an Account of a very gallant Action fought by that Ship against a Squadron of the Enemy, in the Bay of Naples on the 3d Ultimo. Any Comment of mine upon this Occasion would be superfluous after the clear and distinct Account given by Captain Brenton of the Action, and the Manner in which he enticed the Enemy out; I have, however, to lament a severe Wound this gallant Officer has received by a Grape-Shot, though I trust not dangerously.

I have no Doubt their Lordships will duly appreciate the Conduct of Lieutenant Willes, First of the *Spartan*, who fought the Ship after Captain Brenton was wounded.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) C. COTTON.

Spartan, off the Bay of Naples,
May 3, 1810.

SIR,

ON the 1st Instant His Majesty's Ships *Spartan* and *Succes* chased the French Squadron, consisting