

Guns and those of the Two Batteries, which are very considerable.

We tacked three Times near to her, firing our Broadfides whilst going about; the Revenge, Diana, and Niobe did the same; and it is with Pleasure I inform you, that the Ships were manœuvred with the greatest Precision, although the Shot and Shells fell in Abundance around them, and the Guns could only be brought to bear when Head to Wind.

At One o'Clock the Tide of Ebb drifting us to Leeward, obliged us to desist from the Attack, and we anchored out of Gun-Shot.

Some of our Rigging is cut, and a Shot in the Head of the Main-Top-Mast, but otherwise our Damages are not very material. The Donegal had Three Men wounded, and Revenge Seven, Two of whom are since dead.

Having on board some of Colonel Congreve's Rockets, in the Night I sent the Boats under the Command of Mr. Taylor, First Lieutenant of the Donegal, who fired several in the Direction of the Frigate.

Whether from their Effect or from the Effects of our Cannonade, I know not, but at Daylight we observed her nearer to the Shore, and aground; the other was on her Beam Ends, and nearly dry at low Water.

As they were now perfectly protected by the Batteries, it did not appear to me that any further Attempt could be made to destroy them; I therefore resumed my Station with the Revenge, leaving the Diana and Niobe to watch the Port of La Hogue.

Captain Grant will have detailed to you the Particulars respecting his own Ship and the Niobe: I have only to say, that the Conduct of both, whilst acting with me, was such as was to be expected from well appointed English Frigates.

One of the Frigates I consider to be lost; she was first on her Starboard Beam Ends, and when raised by the Tide, fell over on its leaving her on her Larboard Side; the other must have suffered very considerably from our Shot, and where she is aground, is exposed to the East Winds.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) RULTNEY MALCOLM.

To Sir Roger Curtis, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

A List of Men killed and wounded on board the Donegal, Diana, Niobe, and Revenge, off La Hogue, November 15th, 1810.

Donegal.

John Rultren, Quarter Gunner, severely wounded.
James Cameron, Landman, slightly wounded.
John Halfpenny, Private Marine, ditto.

Diana.

One Private Marine (Name not given), slightly wounded.

Niobe.

None killed or wounded.

Revenge.

Edward Kendrick, Ordinary Seaman, since dead.
James M'Gourvey, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
Joseph Wilford, Ordinary Seaman, dangerously ill.
John Myne, Ordinary Seaman, slightly wounded.
Kalf Halliday, Able Seaman, ditto.
William Harding, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
George Grant, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.

Michael Fitzgibbons, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
Matthew Hebdidge, Private Marine, ditto.
William James, Boy 3d Class, ditto.

Admiralty-Office, November 20, 1810.

Copy of a Letter from the Honourable Captain Irby, of His Majesty's Ship the Amelia, to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated in Plymouth Sound the 16th Instant.

SIR,

I BEG leave to acquaint you, for the Information of the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that having executed their Lordships' Orders of the 8th of August, and proceeding to this Port (where I arrived this Day), His Majesty's Ship under my Command captured, on the 8th Instant, in Lat. 44° 41' North, Lon. 21° 24' West, after a Chace of Thirteen Hours, going at Times at the Rate of Twelve and an Half Knots, the Corvette-Built Privateer Le Charles, of Bordeaux, Three hundred Tons Burthen, pierced for Twenty-Two Guns, carrying Twelve long English Six-Pounders, and Eight English Eighteen-Pounder Carronades, and a Crew consisting of One Hundred and Seventy Men, commanded by Pierre Alexandre Marraud.

She left L'Orient on the 4th October, having been built there about Eight Months since, for the Purpose of making a Run to the Isle of France, but has never been to Sea before this Cruise. She is a strong handsome Ship, capable of mounting much heavier Metal than she now has, and, from her good Qualities, well calculated for the Service she was on.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FREDERICK PAUL IRBY.

Admiralty-Office, November 20, 1810.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Bell, of His Majesty's Sloop the Phipps, addressed to Vice-Admiral Campbell, and transmitted by Commodore Owen to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Sloop Phipps, Downes, November 16, 1810.

SIR,

HAVING weighed and proceeded to Sea in His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, agreeable to your Order, immediately the Tide slack'd last Evening, I have the Honour to acquaint you, that before Twelve o'Clock we were alongside a French Lugger Privateer, who led us close under Calais, and so near in shore, that I was obliged, although firing Grape Shot into her, to give up the Chace.

As we saw, while chacing her, Two other Luggers lying to Windward, I thought, by beating up in shore of them, we might escape their Notice, until far enough to fetch them. This charge was readily undertaken by Mr. Richard Sickett, the Pilot, and performed much to my Satisfaction. About Five o'Clock in the Morning we had the Pleasure of getting close to one of them, when an Action commenced. The Enemy, for a Quarter of an Hour, kept up an incessant Fire of Musketry. As I perceived his Determination was to run on shore, and we were then only in Three and a Half Fathoms Water, the only Prospect of capturing her was to lay her on board. This was done, and, under the Fire of our Broadside, Lieutenant Robert Tryon, assisted by Mr. Wright, Master's Mate, and Mr.