

Command of Lieutenant Haye of the latter, to attempt bringing them out, in which he completely succeeded, although exposed to a heavy Fire of Musketry from the Soldiers quartered at that Place.

Lieutenant Haye speaks in high Terms of the Conduct of the Petty Officers, Seamen, and Royal Marines employed under him for their cool and steady Conduct on the Occasion.

Enclosed is a List of the Vessels captured, and Return of the Wounded, which I am happy to say is only One Man belonging to the Active.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HENRY WHITBY, Captain.
To Geo. Eyre, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Magnificent, Senior Officer,
&c. &c. &c.

List of Enemy's Vessels captured and destroyed by the Boats of His Majesty's Ships Cerberus and Active, under the Directions of Lieutenant Haye of the latter, in the Port of Peflichi, February 3, 1811.

Venetian Trabaccolo Carlo Grimaldi, from Ancona, sent to Liffa.

Venetian Trabaccolo, Name unknown, from Ancona, destroyed; Cargo put on board His Majesty's Ship Active.

Venetian Trabaccolo, Name unknown, from Ancona, sent to Liffa.

Venetian Trabaccolo, Name unknown, from Ancona, sent to Liffa.

(Signed) HENRY WHITBY, Captain.

Report of One Man wounded in the Barge of His Majesty's Ship Active, J. A. Gordon, Esq; Captain, cutting out Four Vessels at Peflichi, Coast of Italy, 3d February 1811, in Company with the Barge of His Majesty's Ship Cerberus.

Francis Free, Landman, badly.

(Signed) J. A. GORDON, Captain,

*His Majesty's Ship Cerberus,
February 13, 1811.*

SIR,
HAVING completed the Water of His Majesty's Ships under my Command at Liffa, on the 9th Instant, I proceeded to reconnoitre the Coast of Italy with this Ship and Active, in hopes of intercepting Vessels which were reported to have sailed from Ancona for Corfu and taken Shelter in various Harbours along the Coast, during the Southerly Winds just let in.

On the Morning of the 12th Instant we discovered several Vessels lying under the Town of Ortano, and as the Wind was light, the Boats of both Ships were dispatched, under the Orders of Lieutenant Dickinson (First of the Cerberus), to bring them out if practicable. On the near Approach of the Boats to the Vessels a Fire of great Guns and small Arms was instantly opened from an Armed Trabaccolo (which was not till then observed), and Soldiers posted on the Beach and Hills commanding the Bay; our Boats formed in close Order, gave Three hearty Cheers, and in a few Minutes cleared all before them, the Men from the Vessels and the Troops on shore running in all Directions.

To prevent any Annoyance whilst the Prizes were bringing out, Lieutenant Dickinson landed with the

Marines under Lieutenant Mears of that Corps embarked in the Active, and a Division of small Arm Men under Mr. James Rennie, Master's-Mate of this Ship, taking a strong Position on the Hills, and planting the British Flag at the very Gates of the Town, whilst the Launches, under Lieutenants Haye and Campston, with the Barge of the Active, under Mr. James Gibson, Master's Mate of that Ship, were employed in covering them with the Carronades. This judicious and advantageous Movement was of the greatest Service to those employed at the Sea Side, as it kept the Soldiers and Inhabitants, who had collected in great Force, in check, and allowed the Work which had been so ably undertaken to be most fully completed, as in addition to the Convoy consisting of Ten Sail (under the Vessel armed with Six Guns), which was found in the Harbour laden with Grain, Oil, &c. Two large Magazines filled with all Sorts of Naval and Military Stores destined for the Garrison of Corfu, (and which it is said they stand in much need of,) was most completely destroyed by Fire, and I feel convinced the Enemy will suffer most severely by this Capture, as they must have been some Time in making so large a Collection. As I believe you are unacquainted with the Situation of Ortano, I must beg Leave to state it, and you will then be able to form your own Opinion of the Difficulties that existed and to which our Men and Boats were necessarily exposed.

The Harbour is formed by a large Pier running out into the Sea, and connected with a Range of Hills leading to the Town, which stands on the Top of the highest, completely commanding the Vessels in the Bay and the Road up to it, so that the Marines, to gain the strong Post they had, and to prevent being exposed to the severe Fire of Musketry, were obliged to climb up the Rocks by their Hands, with a Prospect of falling down a Precipice every Step they took.

Having detailed to you, Sir, the Particulars of this Service, I have much Pleasure in adding that our Loss has been only Four wounded; and when it is considered that they were exposed to a teasing Fire from the Bushes and Houses from Ten in the Morning until Three in the Afternoon, it will, I trust, be thought trifling in comparison with the Annoyance the Enemy have received by the Capture and Destruction of their Magazines and Vessels.

I cannot speak too highly of the gallant Conduct of Lieutenant Dickinson on this Occasion; the Style in which he boarded the Trabaccolo, armed with Six Guns and full of Men, with the Gig of this Ship, supported by the Barge under Mr. Rennie, (of whom he speaks in the highest Terms of Praise,) forms only a small Part of his Merit; his Arrangements being so well made and so promptly executed by those under him, were such as to have ensured the most complete Success, could it have been possible for the Enemy to have collected any additional regular Force, with that already opposed to them.

No Language I can make use of is strong enough to express the Zeal and Conduct of every Person concerned.

I feel particularly indebted to Captain Gordon of the judicious Manner his Ship was placed, by which Means he prevented any Body of the Enemy from forming in the Rear of our Men, and the Promptitude and zealous Co-operation I have con-