

vants; the Battery, consisting of Four Guns and One Mortar, presented a more formidable Appearance than I expected, and a Gun was mounted on the Martello Tower, above the Battery; the Three Ships were moored within a Stone's-Throw of the Battery, and had each Two Cables on Shore; their Broadfides were presented to us. The smallest Ship (La Giraffe) hoisted a broad Pendant; she appeared to be a Sister-Vessel to the Var, and shewed Thirteen Guns on each Side the Main-Deck. The other Ship (La Nourrice) was much larger, and shewed Fourteen Guns; her Lower Deck Ports were open, but she had no Guns in them. The Armed Ship was partly hid by the Nourrice, so that we could not make out her Force.

The Bay is so small, that it was impossible to approach without being exposed to the raking Fire of the whole. Notwithstanding their strong Position, the Crews of each Ship came forward in the most noble Manner, and volunteered their Services to land, or, as it was quite calm, even to attack the Enemy's Ships with the Boats. Captains Chamberlayne and Sharpe both agreed with me, that we could do nothing by landing, and it would have been Madness to send the Boats; however, I signified (by Telegraph) that it was my Intention to attack as soon as a Breeze sprung up. As the Calm continued, at half-past five P. M. I gave up all the Hopes of the Sea Breeze, and fearing any longer Delay would enable the Enemy to increase his Force, I determined on towing the Ships in. My Pen is too feeble to express my Admiration of the zealous and spirited Conduct of the Boats' Crews employed on this Service; and the same Zeal animated each Ship's Company, and by Six o'Clock having towed into a Position within Range of Grape, we commenced the Action, which lasted without any Intermiſſion till about Half past Seven, when Smoke was observed to issue from the Giraffe; soon after La Nourrice was in a Blaze, and the Merchantman was set on Fire by the Brands from La Nourrice; at this Time the Battery and Tower were silenced, and in Ten Minutes the Three Ships were completely on Fire. I lost no Time in towing our Ships out of Harm's Way, where we waited the Exploſions, which took place in Succession. The Giraffe blew up about Ten Minutes before Nine, soon after La Nourrice exploded, and some of her Timbers falling on the Tower, entirely demolished it, and the Sparks set Fire to the Battery which also blew up: the Object of our Attack being thus completely executed, I stood out to Sea, to get clear of the Wrecks, and to repair our Damages. No Language of mine can do Justice to the Gallantry of those I had the Honour to command.

I am particularly indebted to Captains Chamberlayne and Sharpe, for their spirited Exertions and cordial Co-operation throughout the whole of the Affair. I am sensible my Narrative is already too prolix, but I cannot conclude without assuring you that the Officers and Crews of the Ships behaved with the greatest Courage and Coolness. The Pomone, from being enabled to choose her Station, was, of course, exposed to the Brunt of the Action, and has consequently suffered most; though considering the Enemy's Fire and Position, our Ships have escaped much better than could have been expected. When all conspicuously distinguished themselves, it is impossible to select out Individuals; but I should be most shamefully wanting in my Duty

to my Country, and to the Merits of a most deserving Set of Officers, if I were to neglect acquainting you, that I received from them every Assistance it was possible to expect. Lieutenant J. W. Gabriel, First of the Pomone, conducted himself with the same Spirit and Zeal which has uniformly distinguished his Conduct. I enclose the Report of the killed, wounded, &c. It is but Justice to declare that the Enemy kept up a very smart Fire, and behaved with great Bravery. I can form no Opinion of their Loss.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT BARRIE;
Admiral Sir Charles Cotton Bart., Commander
in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

P. S. From one of the Crew belonging to the Nourrice, who was picked up by the Unité's Boat, I am informed that the Ships were all deeply laden with Ship Timber, and that, having observed us the preceding Day, every Preparation was made to give us a warm Reception; and that, in addition to the Four Gun Battery, La Nourrice had landed her Quarter-Deck Guns. The Regular Troops posted on the Heights were above Two Hundred, exclusive of the Marines from the Ships and the armed Peasantry. La Nourrice he states to be about Eleven Hundred Tons, La Giraffe Nine Hundred Tons, the Merchantman Five Hundred Tons; La Giraffe had about One Hundred and Forty Men, La Nourrice One Hundred and Sixty Men.

A List of killed and wounded Men on board His Majesty's Ship Pomone, Robert Barrie Esq; Captain, in Action with the Enemy's Ships and Batteries in the Bay of Sagone, May 1, 1811.

Killed.

William Jones (1), Landman.
Edward Sutton, Able Seaman.

Wounded.

George Sibery, Yeoman of the Sheets, dangerously.
Thomas Holbrook, Able Seaman, ditto.
John Edwards, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
Richard Roach, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
Thomas Kelly, Private Marine, ditto.
James Mcull, Ordinary Seaman, severely.
James Jennett, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
William Rich, Ordinary Seaman, ditto.
Richard Jones, Able Seaman, ditto.
William Govier, Able Seaman, ditto.
William Jarvis, Able Seaman, ditto.
Richard Haiues, Private Marine, ditto.
Barnard Lowry, Private Marine, ditto.
John Royall, Private Marine, ditto.
Thomas Ralph, Private Marine, slightly.
John Wood, Private Marine, ditto.
John Evans, Private Marine, ditto.
John Wood, Boy, ditto.
John Milligan, Boy, ditto.

Total—2 killed, 19 wounded.

(Signed) JOHN TURNER, Surgeon.

Return of Wounded on board His Majesty's Ship Unité, in Action off the Harbour of Sagone, May 1, 1811.

Mr. Richard Goodridge, Midshipman, slightly wounded.