

Admiralty-Office, September 24, 1811.

Copy of another Letter from Rear-Admiral Foley to John Wilson Croker Esq; dated on board the Monmouth, in the Downes, the 23d Instant.

SIR,

I HAVE much Pleasure in transmitting a Letter from Captain Carteret, of His Majesty's Ship Naiad, relating the Capture of La Ville de Lyons, a French Praam Ship of the Boulogne Flotilla, mounting Twelve long Twenty-four Pounders, commanded by Commodore Jean Baptiste Coupé, and Captain Jean Barbaud, with One Hundred and Twelve Men, Sixty of them Soldiers of the 72d Regiment.

On this Occasion, as well as on the Attack made on the Naiad the preceding Day, Captain Carteret has shewn a Skill and Judgment which does him infinite Honour. He applauds the Conduct of the respective Captains under his Command, who have always, with commendable Zeal, availed themselves of every Opportunity of distinguishing themselves in Attacks on the Enemy.

The Lists of killed and wounded are herewith sent.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) THOMAS FOLEY,
Rear-Admiral.

*His Majesty's Ship Naiad, off Boulogne,
September 21, 1811.*

SIR,

THIS Morning, at Seven o'Clock, that Part of the Enemy's Flotilla which was anchored to the Eastward of Boulogne, consisting of Seven Praams and Fifteen smaller Vessels, chiefly Brigs, weighed and stood out on the Larboard Tack, the Wind being S.W., apparently to renew the same Kind of distant Cannonade which took place Yesterday. Different, however, from Yesterday, there was now a Weather Tide. The Naiad, therefore, weighed, and getting well to Windward, joined His Majesty's Brigs Rinaldo, Redpole, and Castilian, with the Viper Cutter, who had all zealously turned to Windward in the Course of the Night, to support the Naiad in the expected Conflict. We all lay to on the Larboard Tack, gradually drawing off Shore, in the Hope of imperceptibly inducing the Enemy also to withdraw farther from the Protection of his formidable Batteries.

To make known the Senior Officer's Intentions, no other Signals were deemed necessary, but "to prepare to attack the Enemy's Van," then standing out, led by Rear-Admiral Baste, and "not to fire until quite close to the Enemy."

Accordingly the Moment the French Admiral tacked in Shore, having reached his utmost Distance, and was giving us his Broadfides, the King's small Squadron bore up together with the utmost Rapidity, and stood towards the Enemy under all the Sail each could conveniently carry, receiving a Shower of Shot and Shells from the Flotilla and Batteries, without returning any, until within Pistol-Shot, when the Firing on both Sides His Majesty's Cruisers threw the Enemy into inextricable Confusion. The French Admiral's Praam was the principal Object of Attack by this Ship: But as that Officer in leading had of course tacked first, and thereby acquired fresh Way, and was now under much Sail, pushing with great Celerity for the Batteries, it became impossible to reach him without

too greatly hazarding His Majesty's Ship. Having however succeeded in separating a Praam from him, which had handsomely attempted to succour his Chief, and which I had intended to consign to the particular Care of Captains Anderson and M'Donald, of the Rinaldo and Redpole, while the Castilian attacked others, it now appeared best preferably to employ this Ship in effectually securing her.

The Naiad accordingly ran her on board; Mr. Grant, the Master, lashed her alongside; the small Arms Men soon cleared her Decks, and the Boarders, Sword in Hand, completed her Subjugation. Nevertheless, in justice to our brave Enemy, it must be observed, that his Resistance was most obstinate and gallant, nor did it cease until fairly overpowered by the overwhelming Force we so promptly applied. She is named La Ville de Lyons, was commanded by a Monf. Barbaud, who was severely wounded, and has on board a Monf. La Coupé, who as Commodore of a Division was entitled to a Broad Pendant. Like the other Praams she has Twelve long Guns Twenty-four Pounders (French), but she had only One Hundred and Twelve Men, Sixty of whom were Soldiers of the 72d Regiment of the Line. Between Thirty and Forty have been killed and wounded.

Meanwhile the Three Brigs completed the Defeat of the Enemy's Flotilla, but I lament to say that the immediate Proximity of the formidable Batteries whereunto we had now so nearly approached, prevented the Capture or Destruction of more of their Ships or Vessels. But no Blame can attach to any one on this Account; for all the Commanders, Officers and Crews did bravely and skilfully perform their Duty. If I may be permitted to mention those who served more immediately under my own Eye, I must eagerly and fully testify to the Merits of, and zealous Support I received from Mr. Greenlaw, the First Lieutenant of this Ship, as well as from all the excellent Officers of every Description, brave Seamen and Royal Marines, whom I have the Pride and Pleasure of commanding.

I have the Honour herewith to inclose Reports of our Loss, which I rejoice to find so comparatively trivial, and that Lieutenant Charles Cobb of the Castilian is the only Officer who has fallen.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

P. CARTERET, Captain.

*Thomas Foley, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the
Red, &c. &c. &c.*

A List of Officers and Men belonging to His Majesty's Ships and Vessels undermentioned, killed and wounded in Action with the Enemy's Flotilla off Boulogne, on the 21st September 1811.

Naiad, Captain Carteret.

John Ross, Seaman, killed.
James Draper, Seaman, ditto.
Lieutenant William Morgan, Royal Marines, slightly wounded.
Mr. James Dover, Midshipman, ditto.
Richard Lovet, Sail-Maker, severely wounded.
William Black, Seaman, ditto.
John Wise, Quarter-Master, ditto.
John Leece, Seaman, ditto.
John Tully, Landman, ditto.
Daniel Francis, Landman, ditto.