

giment retaken, being ill of the endemic Fever of this Country, I mean to embark on board the Nereide, so soon as she is in a State to receive them; when, after having dismantled the Fort, and embarked the Guns, &c. I shall proceed with her under Convoy to the Mauritius, in Company with the Phoebe.

I have the Honour to be, &c.  
(Signed) C. M. SCHOMBERG, Captain.  
Captain Beaver, His Majesty's Ship Nisus,  
Senior Officer at the Isle of France.

His Britannic Majesty's Ship Astræa,  
SIR, off Tamatave, 25th May 1811.

La Nereide has been defended in a brave Manner; La Renouance and Corinde have struck after a brave Defence, in which Captain Roquebert fell, and Major Barrois was severely wounded; I therefore call upon you, for the sake of Humanity, to surrender immediately to His Britannic Majesty's Ships under my Orders.

Nothing can justify an unnecessary Effusion of Blood; I hope in consequence to have an immediate Answer.

I have the Honour to be, &c.  
(Signed) C. M. SCHOMBERG, Captain.  
To the Officer commanding the French  
Frigate Nereide.

(TRANSLATION.)

On board His Imperial Majesty's Frigate Nereide,  
SIR, Tamatave, 25th May 1811.

I AM, as well as yourself, able to estimate the Situation in which I am placed. It is flattering to me to have deserved your Praises, by my Defence of the Ship which His Imperial Majesty has been pleased to entrust to my Charge. I shall endeavour to preserve her for his Service; or, if I am compelled to yield, not to do so ingloriously. I am sensible of the Weight of the Proposals you are pleased to make to me; but I must observe to you, Sir, that it would be dishonourable for me to accept them. I should also be desirous to save the Effusion of Blood; but my Duty as an Officer precedes my Duty as a Man. The following, Sir, are therefore the only and unalterable Conditions I can accede to:—I desire that my Staff, my Ship's Company, and the Troops, shall have the certain Assurance of returning to their own Country, without being made Prisoners of War. The wounded shall remain at Tamatave, to be there taken Care of by a French Surgeon. The Fort and the Frigate shall, upon these Terms, be delivered up to you; they are the only Terms I can accept; I trust you will feel how painful it is to me to propose them; and if you are really governed by the Dictates of Humanity, you will also feel that any other would be dishonourable.

Whatever may be your Intentions, Sir, be assured that my Conduct, whether as an Officer or as a Man, will always have for its Object to command your Esteem.

With the Assurance of my high Consideration,  
SIR, &c. (Signed) PONEY.  
To the Commander of the English Squadron.

ARTICLES of CAPITULATION entered into between Charles Marsh Schomberg, Esq; Captain of His Britannic Majesty's Ship Astræa, &c. and Monsieur Poney, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, and Capitaine Commandant of the French Frigate Nereide, at Tamatave, 26th May 1811.

Article I. The Nereide Frigate, together with all the Vessels and Property at Tamatave, the Fort, &c. of the said Place, shall be surrendered without Injury to His Britannic Majesty's Ships under my Command.

Art. II. The Officers, Crews, and Troops, now actually at Tamatave or on board the Nereide, shall be sent as soon as possible to the Mauritius, and from thence be conveyed to France without being considered as Prisoners of War; the Officers and Petty Officers only shall keep their Swords.

Art. III. The wounded shall remain at Tamatave under the Care of a French Surgeon, until they are recovered, when they shall be sent to France by the first Opportunity.

(Signed) C. M. SCHOMBERG.  
PONEY.

Admiralty Office, 16th November, 1811.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Gordon, of His Majesty's Ship the Active, addressed to Captain Maxwell, of the Alceste, senior Officer at Lissa, and transmitted by Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Active, at Anchor off the  
SIR, Town of Ragosniza, July, 27, 1811.

I HAVE great Pleasure, in informing you that the Boats of His Majesty's Ship under my command, with the Small-arm Men and Royal Marines, the whole under the Command of Lieutenant Henderson, (First of this Ship), were detached on the Ship's anchoring here, in Order to attack a Convoy which had ran above the Island that the Town of Ragosniza stands upon, and had taken shelter in a Creek on the Main. From the narrowness of the Entrance, and Three Gun-Boats protecting it, with a Number of armed Men on each Point, Lieutenant Henderson was induced to land with the Small-Arm Men and Marines, on the Right, in Order to take Possession of a Hill which appeared to command the Creek, leaving the Boats under Command of Lieutenant Gibson, to push for the Gun-Boats the Moment a concerted Signal was made from the Top of the Hill. On Lieutenant Henderson and his Party gaining the Top of the Hill, (after dislodging several Soldiers who fired upon them during their Ascent), he found himself immediately above the Gun-Boats and a Convoy of Twenty-eight Sail, he then made the Signal for the Boats to advance, at the same Time descended the Hill, exposed to the Fire of One of the Gun-Boats and several Soldiers; but the Attack was so well planned, and so nobly executed, that the Boats hoarded the Gun-Boats, after the Party which landed had only fired Two Volleys into them. The Enemy finding themselves attacked so warmly, fled in all Directions, leaving behind them a Number of Killed and Wounded. The Crews of the Gun-Boats (all but Three Men), jumping overboard, and getting on Shore as our