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Copy of a Letter from Commodore Broughton, late Senior Officer of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, to John Wilson Croker, Esq; dated on board the *Illustrious*, in Batavia-Roads, August 10, 1811.

SIR,

YOU will be pleased to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the enclosed Copies of Letters which I have received from Captains George Harris, and Robert Maunsell, of His Majesty's Ship *Sir Francis Drake*, and the *Procris* Sloop, giving an Account of the Capture and Destruction of several Gun-Boats belonging to the Enemy, which, in my Opinion, reflects the greatest credit upon the Officers and Men employed.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

W. R. BROUGHTON.

His Majesty's Ship, Sir Francis Drake,
off *Rembang*, 23d May, 1811.

SIR,

IN Latitude 6 Deg. 35 Min. South, and Longitude 111 Deg. 32 Min. East, *Rembang*, bearing S.W. Thirteen Miles, being on my Passage, to put in Force your Order, of the 1st of April 1811, and having been necessitated to anchor during the Night of the 22d Instant, from contrary Winds, and a strong Current setting from the Eastward; I had the satisfaction, at Daylight, to observe a Flotilla of the Enemy's Gun-Vessels, consisting of Nine Felucca-rigged, and Five Prow-rigged, at Anchor, close in Shore, about Three Miles from the *Drake*. At Dawn of Day, they weighed and stood for *Rembang*, but were so closely chased, that, by Seven o'Clock, Three or Four well-directed Broad-sides brought Five of the Felucca Vessels under our Guns

to an Anchor, which were instantly taken Possession of. The others finding themselves cut off from their Port, furled Sails, and pulled up in the Wind's Eye of us, direct for the Shore, out of reach of our Guns. Shoaling our Water considerably, made me dispatch Lieutenants Bradley and Addis, and Roch, of the Royal Marines, Messrs. Groves, Horton, and Phibbs, Midshipmen, with Lieutenant Knowles, Mr. Gillman, and Twelve Privates of His Majesty's 14th Regiment, in Four Six-oared Cutters and a Gig, to board them, the *Drake* keeping under Weigh working up to Windward, ready to cover the Boats.

It is with peculiar Pleasure I have to state, that the undaunted and gallant Conduct of this small Party of Officers and Men, made Prizes of all the rest by Eight o'Clock, without the Loss of a Man, notwithstanding a sharp Fire of Grape from several Pieces of Ordnance, with continual Musquetry, which commenced the Moment the Boats got within Grape Shot Distance, and did not discontinue until our Seamen laid their Oars in to board; when the Crews of each Vessel, either jumped overboard, or went on Shore in their Boats.

I am sorry to state the Loss of the Enemy must have been great, as their Boats being small and overloaded with Men, Arms, and Ammunition, many were capsized and most of the Men in them, (as well as those that jumped overboard) drowned; the Scene I understand was truly piteous, as the Officers commanding the Boats were prevented from affording that Relief which Humanity would have dictated, from having to launch Two of the Felucca Vessels off the Beach, in the Face of a brisk Fire of Small Arms, from the Men who had escaped and fled into the Jungle.

