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Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 31, 1812.

NOTICE is hereby given, that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent will hold a Levee at Carlton House, on Thursday the 9th of April, at half-past one o'clock.

Admiralty-Office, March 31, 1812.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Foley, Commander in Chief in the Downs, to John Wilson Croker, Esq; dated the 29th Instant.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to transmit, for their Lordships information, a letter this morning received from Captain Harvey, of His Majesty's sloop Rosario, detailing an account of a very spirited attack made by him on the enemy's flotilla, consisting of twelve brigs, of three brass twenty-four pounders, and one eight-inch howitzer, with fifty men each, and a lugger, assisted with great gallantry by Captain Trollope, of His Majesty's sloop Griffon, which terminated in the capture of three brigs, and putting two ashore. I am happy it is in my power to name Captain Harvey as an officer of great zeal, and distinguished merit; Captain Trollope, their Lordships will observe, is highly spoken of in Captain Harvey's letter, for his prompt attention, and gallant conduct in the attacks he so judiciously and successfully made on the enemy.

I have the honour to be, &c.

THOS. FOLEY, Rear-Admiral.

J. W. Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Sloop Rosario, off Dieppe, March 27, 1812.

SIR,

IT is with much satisfaction I have to acquaint you, that at half-past eight A. M., Dieppe bearing S. W. four or five miles, we observed an enemy's flotilla, consisting of twelve brigs and one lugger, standing along shore, and immediately made sail to cut off the leewardmost. The enemy, by signal from their Commodore, formed into a line and engaged us severally as we passed, but upon luffing up to cut off the sternmost, the whole bore up to support her, and endeavoured to close with us. Finding them thus determined to support each other, and the small force of the Rosario not admitting my

running the risk of being laid on board by several at once, I bore up to a brig we observed in the offing (and which proved to be the Griffon) and made the signal for an enemy. The moment she had answered we hauled to the wind, and at forty minutes after twelve began to harass the enemy's rear, who were then endeavouring to get into Dieppe under all sail; tacked and wore occasionally to close, receiving and returning the fire of the whole line each time; at half-past one, being far enough to windward, run into the body of the enemy, and by cutting away the running rigging of the two nearest, drove them on board each other, backed the maintop-sail and engaged them within musket shot till they were clear, then stood on and engaged another, whose mainmast and foretop-mast soon went by the board, when she immediately anchored; passed her and drove the next in the line on shore: two more of their line yet remained to leeward, bore up and ran the nearest one on board (then not more than three quarters of a mile from the shore). So far the Rosario had acted alone, as the Griffon had not yet arrived within gun-shot: bore away with prize beyond range of the batteries and hailed the Griffon (then passing under a press of sail) to chase the remaining brig, and which service she performed in a very handsome manner, by running her on shore near St. Aubin, under a very heavy fire from the shore: seeing no probability of the Griffon being able to destroy the brig, made her signal to attack the enemy in the S. E., then anchoring close in shore. In the mean time we were getting the prisoners on board and repairing the running rigging, which was much damaged. Captain Trollope having closed with the enemy, run the Griffon in shore of one at an anchor nearly in the centre, and in the most gallant manner laid her on board, cut her cables and stood out, under the fire of the batteries and the whole of the other brigs: upon passing the Griffon I found her too much disabled to immediately make sail again to the attack, but being determined to have another, (and although we had nearly as many prisoners as our own sloop's company) I run the dismasted one on board, which we found the enemy had deserted, but this circumstance the darkness of the night prevented our being enabled previously to discover, at which time the remaining seven of the flotilla were under weigh,

