

7 rank and file, 15 horses, killed; 2 captains, 2 lieutenants, 4 serjeants, 86 rank and file, 9 horses, wounded; 1 general staff, 3 serjeants, 2 drummers and trumpeters, 106 rank and file, 58 horses, missing.

Total Portuguese loss—1 ensign, 36 rank and file, killed; 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 3 serjeants, 40 rank and file, wounded; 66 rank and file, missing.

Total British and Portuguese loss—2 captains, 1 ensign, 2 serjeants, 43 rank and file, 15 horses, killed; 2 captains, 3 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 7 serjeants, 126 rank and file, 9 horses, wounded; 1 general staff, 3 serjeants, 2 drummers and trumpeters, 172 rank and file, 58 horses, missing.

(Signed) S. A. GOODMAN, D.A.A.G.

*Names of the Officers killed, wounded, and missing.*

**KILLED.**

*British.*

51st Foot—Captain M'Cabe.

52d Foot, 1st Batt.—Henry Dawson.

*Portuguese.*

20th Portuguese Regiment—Ensign Joa Joze de Arceveda.

**WOUNDED.**

*British.*

43d Foot, 1st Batt.—Lieutenant George Rideout, severely (leg amputated); Lieutenant H. M. Bailie, slightly.

52d Foot, 1st Batt.—Captain J. H. Currie, slightly; Captain Thomas T. Fuller, severely (not dangerously).

*Portuguese.*

19th Portuguese Regiment—Ensign F. Pinto de Casteo, slightly.

2d Portuguese Caçadores—Lieutenant Gabriel de Carma Lima, slightly.

**MISSING.**

Lieutenant-General, the Honourable Sir Edward Paget, K. B.

(Signed) S. A. GOODMAN, D. A. A. G.

Admiralty-Office, December 26, 1812.

*Copy of a Letter from Admiral the Right Honourable Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart. K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the North American Station, to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated at Halifax, 18th November, 1812.*

SIR,

I BEG leave to transmit copies of letters from Captain Whinyates and Captain Sir John Beresford; the former giving an account of the capture of His Majesty's brig Frolic, by the American ship sloop of war Wasp, after a hard contested action; and the latter, acquainting me with the recapture of the Frolic, and of his having at the same time taken the Wasp, both of which were con-

ducted to Bermuda by the Poictiers; from whence I shall send further particulars for their Lordships' information the moment I can learn them.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BORLASE WARREN.

*His Majesty's Ship Poictiers, at Sea,  
October 23, 1812.*

SIR,

IT is with the most bitter sorrow and distress I have to report to your Excellency the capture of His Majesty's brig Frolic, by the ship Wasp belonging to the United States of America, on the 18th instant.

Having under convoy the homeward bound trade from the Bay of Honduras, and being in latitude 36 deg. N. and 64 deg. W. on the night of the 17th, we were overtaken by a most violent gale of wind, in which the Frolic carried away her main yard, lost her topsails, and sprung the main topmast. On the morning of the 18th, as we were repairing the damages sustained in the storm, and reassembling the scattered ships, a suspicious ship came in sight, and gave chase to the convoy.

The merchant ships continued their voyage before the wind under all sail; the Frolic dropt astern, and hoisted Spanish colours, in order to decoy the stranger under her guns, and to give time for the convoy to escape. About ten o'clock, both vessels being within hail, we hauled to the wind, and the battle began. The superior fire of our guns gave every reason to expect its speedy termination in our favour, but the gaffa head-braces being shot away, and there being no sail on the main-mast, the brig became unmanageable, and the enemy succeeded in taking a position to rake her, while she was unable to bring a gun to bear.

After laying some time exposed to a most destructive fire, she fell with the bowsprit betwixt the enemy's main and mizen rigging, still unable to return his fire.

At length the enemy boarded, and made himself master of the brig, every individual officer being wounded, and the greater part of the men either killed or wounded, there not being twenty persons remaining unhurt.

Although I shall ever deplore the unhappy issue of this contest, it would be great injustice to the merits of the officers and crew if I failed to report that their bravery and coolness are deserving of every praise; and I am convinced, if the Frolic had not been crippled in the gale, I should have to make a very different report to your Excellency. The Wasp was taken, and the Frolic re-captured the same afternoon, by His Majesty's ship the Poictiers. Being separated from them, I cannot transmit at present a list of killed and wounded. Mr. Charles M'Kay, the first lieutenant, and Mr. Stephens, the master, have died of their wounds.

I have the honour to be, &c.

T. WHINYATES.

To the Right Honourable Sir

J. B. Warren, Bart, &c.

*His Majesty's Ship Poictiers, at Sea,  
October 18, 1812.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that His Majesty's ship under my command has this day