

though they were lying under the protection of one French xebec of three guns and two French gun-boats.

Lieutenant O'Brien received information of this unexpected force of the enemy from two merchant vessels he captured at the entrance of the port, and who stated their force to be very superior to his own; notwithstanding this he proceeded to the attack, and very gallantly carried them by boarding, as well as the timber vessels. At daylight I had the pleasure of seeing the whole of this division of the enemy, and their convoy of seven vessels, coming towards the ship.

I am happy to say this service has been executed without any loss on our parts, which I consider as chiefly owing to the arrangements of Lieutenant O'Brien, the gallantry and promptitude with which he led the boats to the attack, and the brave, determined support he received from those under his command. He speaks in high terms of Lieutenant Gostling, Third Lieutenant, Lieutenant Haig, of the Royal Marines, and the officers and men under his orders in the different boats, for their gallantry and coolness.

The enemy's force consisted of *La Tisiphone*, French national xebec, of three guns, one six-pounder and two three-pounders, and twenty-eight men; gun-boat No. 1, one nine-pounder, two three-pounders, and twenty-four men; gun-boat No. 2, one nine-pounder and twenty men; intended for the protection of the trade on the coast of Istria from Pola to Trieste.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. HOSTE, Captain.

Rear-Admiral Fremantle, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Ship Bacchante,
September 18, 1812.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that, this morning, at day break, I discovered an enemy's convoy between *Tremite* and *Vasto*, on the coast of *Apulia*, standing along-shore to the N. W. Calm and baffling winds prevented my closing with them in the ship, and I therefore detached the boats, under the command of Lieutenant O'Brien, First of this ship, to endeavour to intercept them, which, I am happy to say, he completely succeeded in.

I had an opportunity from the ship of seeing the nature of this service, and the gallantry displayed in the execution of it. The merchant vessels, on the approach of the boats, anchored, and hauled their vessels aground, leaving eight armed vessels to protect them outside, who took up an excellent position for that purpose. The crews of the convoy quitted their vessels, and lined a thick wood astern of them, well adapted for their defence, and bush-fighting, and which completely commanded the coast.

In this situation they awaited our boats, which were led to the attack by Lieutenant O'Brien with his accustomed gallantry, and I want words, Sir, to convey to you my admiration of the determined manner in which this service was performed: the boats pushing through a very heavy fire of grape and musquetry, carried every thing before them,

boarding and driving the enemy from their vessels in every direction: the Marines at the same time landing, forced them from their position in the wood, leaving our brave men in quiet possession of this valuable convoy, consisting of twenty-six vessels, laden chiefly with oil and almonds, from *Barri*, bound to *Venice*, a list of which I inclose herewith, with a statement of their armed force.

Lieutenant O'Brien was most ably seconded by Lieutenant Hood, second of this ship, Lieutenant Haig, of the Royal Marines (who lets no opportunity escape him of distinguishing himself,) and speaks in the highest terms of the conduct of the whole of the petty officers and seamen employed with him.

It is with additional pleasure I have to state, that our loss has been but trifling, two seamen wounded only, and those not dangerously.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. HOSTE, Captain.

Rear-Admiral Fremantle, &c.

List of Vessels captured by the Boats of His Majesty's Ship Bacchante, between Tremite and Vasto, on the Coast of Apulia, on the 18th September 1812.

Audre Roguing, of one twelve-pounder, three swivels, and sixteen men.

Vincenzo del Mondo, of one twelve pounder, three swivels, and sixteen men.

Nicolo Pascolicio, of one twelve-pounder and sixteen men.

Vessel, name unknown, one twelve-pounder and twelve men.

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Together with a convoy of eighteen vessels, laden with oil, almonds, &c. bound from *Barri* to *Venice*.

(Signed) W. HOSTE, Captain.

At the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 9th of December 1812,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prevent doubts respecting the continuance and effect of the Order in Council of the nineteenth of August one thousand eight hundred and seven, respecting vessels under the flag of *Mecklenburg*, *Oldenburg*, *Papenburg*, and *Kniphausen*, and the Order in Council of the twenty-fifth November one thousand eight hundred and seven, respecting the ships and goods belonging to *Prussia* and *Lubec*; His Royal Highness the Prince Regent is pleased, in the name and