

and Tayler contributed by their advice and assistance every thing possible for the defence of the place, and for the safety of the garrison; indeed one universal feeling of the warmest admiration seemed to animate every one in saving so many brave men's lives. It must readily occur to you, in the execution of such services as I have now detailed, the most arduous exertions of every one, in so small a force, must have been necessary.

Nor must I omit my own tribute of applause, at the manner in which Governor Don P. P. Alvarez, and every officer and man in the garrison, employed every means in their power to defend the place, so long as the slightest hope remained of saving it. Every thing I suggested was agreed to with the greatest promptitude, and every exertion made to second my wishes.

The garrison consisted originally of twelve hundred men, and I am happy to say their loss has been much less than I expected, consisting of about fifty killed, and as many wounded.

I have great pleasure in informing you our loss has been trifling to what might have been expected, consisting of ten wounded, four in the Royalist and six in the Sparrow. Lieutenant Kentish, of the Royalist, was slightly wounded in the leg, and Mr. Sutton, Midshipman, received a musket ball in the leg, while embarking the garrison, which rendered amputation necessary; Captain Bremen speaks of his general conduct in the highest terms, and I was an eye witness of his intrepidity in saving the garrison, amidst a shower of musket balls.

From the intelligence received I have every reason to believe there were not less than thirteen thousand men before Castro: the enemy collected his troops from every post in the province, and seemed determined to take it, let it cost what it would. No terms were ever offered; but as soon as the breach was sufficiently large they marched to the assault, putting every one to the bayonet, without distinction; I cannot of course form any estimate of their loss, but from the fire kept up by the batteries, and by the troops before they retreated, I am persuaded it must have been very great.

One hundred and forty French prisoners are just arrived at Bermeo, taken by Don Gaspar; I have directed the Royalist and Sparrow, to convey them to Corunna with a company of artillery, part of the late garrison of Castro, and shall remain with His Majesty's sloop under my command off Castro; to impede the enemy's communication by sea, and prevent any merchant vessels from falling into their hands, until I receive your further orders.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT BLOYE, Commander.

To Captain Sir George Collier, *Surveillante*.

P. S. Enclosed is a list of wounded.

List of the Returns of Wounded on board His Majesty's Sloops *Lyra*, *Royalist*, and *Sparrow*, between the 7th and 13th May 1813.

LYRA.

None killed or wounded.

ROYALIST.

Lieutenant S. Kentish, slightly.  
Mr. C. J. Sutton, midshipman, severely.  
Mr. Charters, carpenter, slightly.  
John Lloyd, captain of the foretop, slightly.

SPARROW.

Charles Weir, quarter-gunner, severely.  
Thomas Collette, quarter-master, slightly.  
Thomas Sullivan, seaman, slightly.  
Edward Roberts, seaman, slightly.  
Thomas Gay, marine, severely.  
William Watson, marine, slightly.

Total—10.

(Signed) ROBERT BLOYE, Captain.

Admiralty-Office, May 29, 1813.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Seymour, of His Majesty's Ship *Leonidas*, addressed to Vice-Admiral Thornbrough, and transmitted by Admiral Sir Robert Calder to John Wilson Crooker, Esq.

SIR, *Leonidas*, at Sea, May 23, 1813.

I HAVE the satisfaction to acquaint you, that His Majesty's ship under my command, has just captured the American schooner privateer Paul Jones, of sixteen guns and eighty-five men, commanded by Mr. Archibald Taylor; she has been absent two months from New York, and has made three prizes. Five men were wounded on board her by our fire during the chase.

I have the honour to be, &c.

G. F. SEYMOUR, Captain.

Edward Thornbrough, Esq. Vice-Admiral of the Red, Commander in Chief, &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, May 29, 1813.

A Return of Vessels captured and destroyed by His Majesty's Ship *Æolus*, the Right Honourable Lord James Townsend, Captain; between the 18th January and March 1813.

American ship *Resolution*, laden with Molasses, captured by the *Æolus*, February 5, 1813; sent to Bermuda.

American ship *Eliza*, laden with cotton, captured by the *Æolus*, February 10, 1813; sent to Bermuda.

American ship *Rose*, laden with cotton and logwood, captured by the *Æolus*, same date; sent to Bermuda.

American ship *Jacob Getting*, laden with rice and corn, captured by the *Æolus* and *Sophie*, February 18, 1813; sent to Bermuda.

American ship *Elizabeth*, laden with cotton, captured by the *Æolus* and *Sophie*, February 24, 1813; sent to Bermuda.

American ship *Federal Jack*, laden with light houses, captured by the *Æolus* and *Sophie*, March 2, 1813; sent to Bermuda.

Spanish ship *La Anna*, laden with flour and bread, captured by the *Æolus* and *Sophie*, March 9, 1813; sent to Bermuda.

(Signed) JOHN WARREN.