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Copy of A Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Baronet, Commander in Chief in the Mediterranean, to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board the Caledonia, at Port Mahon, the 28th May, 1813.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inclose a letter from Captain Brace, detailing the particulars of a successful service performed by the marines of the Berwick, and the boats of that ship and the Euryalus, which reflects much credit on the officers and men employed therein. I am happy to learn he has lost but one man on this service.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ED. PELLEW.

*Berwick, off Cavalacie,
May 16, 1813.*

SIR,

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that through the judicious management of Captain Napier, the enemy's coasting trade to and from Toulon to the eastward, was, between the 10th and 15th inst. collected in Cavalacie Road to the number of upwards of twenty sail: judging that a proper object for attack, I made the necessary arrangements to carry the place, but the surf proved too great for the people to land until the morning of the 16th instant, when the plan was carried into execution by the boats, commanded by Lieutenant Sweedland, First of this ship, and the royal marines under Captain Matthews, of that corps. Allow me to observe on the prompt manner in which this service was accomplished; for scarce twenty minutes elapsed from their reaching the beach until the batteries were taken, and a fire opened from them on the retreating enemy. The French National xebec La Fortune, carrying ten long nine-pounders and four swivels, with a crew of ninety-five men (as appears by her quarter bill), commanded by Monsieur Lecarnus, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, tried to effect her escape, but the Euryalus pushing close in, cut her off, and the crew abandoned her, leaving her at anchor with a spring on her cable, under the fire of

the frigate, forts, and a division of the boats, under Lieutenant White, who boarded her in time to preserve her from blowing up or sinking, as the enemy had fired a shot through her bottom, and left a train to the magazine. We found in the harbour twenty-two vessels of different descriptions, which were either taken or destroyed; those scuttled by the enemy were cleared by the Euryalus, who took an anchorage to protect the working party, and through the great exertions of Captain Napier, the officers and men employed on that service, every thing was brought away worthy of notice.

Having related my proceeding, permit me to call your attention to the officers and men who conducted this affair, and if, in your judgment, any merit is attached to the transaction, I entreat you to bestow it on Captain Napier, the officers, seamen, and marines of both ships, whose united exertions so fully accomplished my wishes, that I have only to regret the loss of one man killed, and one missing.

I shall only particularize Lieutenant Sweedland and Captain Matthews, of this ship, Lieutenant Sandilands, First of the Euryalus, together with two young men, Mr. John Monk, of the Berwick, and Mr. Crawford, of the Euryalus.

I have the honour to be,

(Signed) E. BRACE, Captain.

*Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Vice-Admiral
of the Red, &c. &c. &c.*

*A List of Killed and Missing, in an attack on the
Enemy's Batteries and Vessels at Cavalacie, May
16, 1813.*

Berwick—John Jones, marine, killed.

Euryalus—George Reardon, ordinary seaman, missing.

List of Vessels captured and destroyed.

La Fortune—French National Xebec, 10 long nine-pounders, 4 swivels, and 95 men, commanded by Monsieur Lecarnus, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, taken.

Thirteen small vessels of different descriptions, taken; nine, the cargoes taken out, vessels destroyed.