

rice, imported in British ships or vessels directly from any of the possessions of the East India Company or from any British colony or plantation, should be exempted from the payment of the said duties, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, by virtue of the powers vested in His Majesty, by sundry Acts of Parliament, set forth in the said Order in Council of the twentieth February one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, is thereupon pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council to allow, and doth hereby allow, until the twenty-fifth day of March next, the importation of rice from any of the possessions of the East India Company, or from any British colony or plantation, in British ships or vessels, without payment of any duty whatsoever; any thing contained in the Order in Council abovementioned of the twentieth day of February last to the contrary notwithstanding. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly. *Jas. Buller.*

AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 20th of *May 1813*,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

IT is this day ordered by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in Council, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, that all British ships and vessels clearing out for the coast of Africa for the purpose of carrying on the trade there, be permitted to take on board, as an assorted part of their cargoes, trading guns, or blunderbusses, pistols, and gunpowder, in the following proportions, viz.

One barrel of gunpowder for every ten tons of the vessel according to the admeasurement thereof, exclusive of sea stores; and ten trading guns or blunderbusses, and ten pair of pistols, for each barrel of gunpowder, notwithstanding any thing contained in the Order in Council of the first day of February last; provided that sufficient security be given to the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs of the port in which the ships are fitted out, and before they proceed on their respective voyages, in treble the value of the articles exported, that the same shall be expended in trade upon the coast of Africa; which security is not to be cancelled until proof of such expenditure has been made by the oath of the captain or master of the ship or vessel, in like manner as is practised with regard to spirits and East India goods used in carrying on that trade. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly. *Jas. Buller.*

Admiralty-Office, August 7, 1813.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Sir George Collier, of His Majesty's Ship *Surveillante*, ad-

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*dressed to Admiral Lord Keith, and transmitted by his Lordship to John Wilson Croker, Esq.*

*His Majesty's Ship Surveillante, off St. Sebastian's, July 22, 1813.*

THE breaching batteries raised on the *Chofre Sand-Hills* were opened against the walls of *St. Sebastian's* on the 20th, at ten in the forenoon, under most unfavourable circumstances of weather, and this evening there is a considerable breach; but a second will, I understand from General Graham, be made before the storm is attempted.

A gun has been thought necessary at the *Light-House-Hill*. Captain Taylor, of the *Sparrow*, has prepared a battery, and had the weather permitted, a twenty-four pounder would have been dragged up, and mounted ere this.

The casualties have not been many considering the very commanding fire our guns are exposed to. A Captain Dubordieu, of the Royal Artillery, has been killed; and I enclose a return of seamen killed and wounded (up to the night of the 21st), belonging to the squadron.

I have the pleasure to say, the good conduct of the detachment landed under Lieutenant O'Reilly, has been the admiration of the artillery officers in command of the batteries.

*List of Killed and Wounded of a Detachment of Seamen from the Squadron before St. Sebastian's, up to the Evening of the 21st July 1813.*

SURVEILLANTE.

*Killed.*

William Mars, seaman.  
William Bradley, seaman.

*Wounded.*

Lieutenant R. G. Dunlop.  
James Thynne, seaman, dangerously  
Tho. Parkhill, seaman, slightly.  
James Agnew, seaman, ditto.  
Patrick O'Connor, seaman, ditto.  
William Bryant, seaman, ditto.

Total—2 killed; 6 wounded.

(Signed) D. O'REILLY, First Lieutenant of His Majesty's ship *Surveillante*.

Admiralty-Office, August 7, 1813.

*Abstract of Returns of American Vessels detained by the Squadron under the Orders of Rear-Admiral Sir Francis Laforey, Bart. at the Leeward Islands, between 23d June and 13th October 1812.*

Russel, bound to Marblehead, laden with fish, captured July 8, 1812, by the *Ringdove*.