

you, that Mr. Suett, master's mate of the Cerberus, was shot through the heart in boarding another gun-boat; in him the service has to lament the loss of a most gallant young man; one seaman also killed, and a marine dangerously wounded, belonging to this ship, is the amount of our loss.

The gun-boats taken had each a nine-pounder in their bow, and two four-pounders abaft, commanded by an Ufficiale di Vascello, with troops for Corfu. Four of the convoy were also taken; and had they been further off shore, I have no doubt but the greatest part of them would have been captured. I have, &c.

THOS. GARTH.

*B. W. Taylor, Esq. Captain of His Majesty's Ship Apollo, Senior Officer off Corfu.*

*His Majesty's Ship Bacchante, at anchor SIR, off Guila Nova, June 12, 1813.*

AT daylight this morning, an enemy's convoy were discovered under the town of Gala Nova, on the coast of Abruzzza; as I was six or seven miles to leeward of them, with a light breeze and a current against me, I thought it best to detach the boats, with discretionary orders, to the First Lieutenant, Hood, either to attack them or wait till I arrived. He found the enemy much stronger than was expected, consisting of seven large gun-boats, each mounting one eighteen pounder in the bow, three smaller gun-vessels with a four pounder in the bow, and fourteen sail of merchant vessels under their convoy, four of which had guns in the bow also. The shore astern of the vessels was lined with troops, entrenched on the beach, with two field-pieces with them. This was the force opposed to a frigate's boats; but no disparity of numbers could check the spirit of the brave officers and men employed on this service. The attack was determined on instantly, and executed with all the gallantry and spirit which men accustomed to danger and to despise it, have so frequently shown, and never was there a finer display of it than on this occasion. The boats as they advanced were exposed to a heavy fire of grape and musketry, and it was not till they were fairly alongside that the enemy slackened their fire, and were driven from their vessels with great loss.

The troops on the beach, which the French officers mention as amounting to upwards of one hundred men, fled on the first fire, and the field-pieces were destroyed by our marines. Our boats were now in possession of the convoy, many of which were aground, and our men were exposed to a scattered fire of musketry, whilst employed in getting them afloat.

I beg leave to recommend Lieutenant Hood to the notice of the Commander in Chief, in the strongest manner. I am unable to do justice to his merit: he speaks in the highest possible terms of Lieutenant F. Gosling, Second Lieutenant; Lieutenant Webb, (acting) who distinguished himself so much in the Bacchante's boats in January last, with the Corfu flotilla; Lieutenants Holmes and Haig, royal marines; Messrs. Rees, Rove, Hoste, Farewell, Waldegrave, Langton, M'Kean, and

Richardson, and every seaman and marine employed.

I regret to say we have suffered severely, though not so much as might have been expected from the superiority of force, and the obstinacy of the contest. Two seamen and one marine killed, five seamen and one marine wounded.

There was a Neapolitan flotilla from Ancona, bound to Barletta, under the direction of French Officers, and commanded by a Lieutenant de Vaisseau, Knight of the Order of the Two Sicilies, who is a prisoner on board, with several other officers and men.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. HOSTE, Captain.

*F. Fremantle, Esq. Rear-Admiral of the White.*

*Report of killed and wounded Seamen and Marines belonging to His Majesty's Ship the Bacchante, in Action in the Boats of that Ship with a Flotilla of the Enemy's Gun-Boats, &c. on the Coast of Italy, June 12, 1813.*

*Killed.*

John Hinton, seaman.

Charles Drzeminsky, seaman.

Edward Overind, marine.

*Wounded.*

Thomas Melvin, seaman, very severely.

George Payne, seaman, very severely.

Nicholas Redmore, seaman, very severely, since dead.

John Ventling, seaman, very severely.

Patrick David, seaman, very severely.

William Spooner, marine, severely.

Total—2 seamen, 1 marine, killed; 5 seamen, 1 marine, wounded.

(Signed) W. HOSTE, Captain.

*His Majesty's Ship Apollo, Channel of Corfu, June 15, 1813.*

SIR,

AT daylight last Thursday morning, at the north end of Corfu, suspecting four vessels to be bound there from Barletta, with grain, and prevented getting in by the position of the Apollo; I, previous to hauling out to examine them, detached our barge, launch, first gig, and jolly-boat, under Lieutenant W. H. Nares, Lieutenant Collin Campbell, royal marines; Messrs. Hutchison, Lancaster, and Brand, Midshipmen, to watch them at the south end.

They were, as I anticipated, met going in. One ran on shore under Cape Bianco and was scuttled; the others would have been captured, had the attention of the barge, gig, and jolly-boat not been drawn off by a French gun-boat, which they took after some resistance. She mounted two long guns, a twelve and a six-pounder. Nine of the enemy were badly wounded, among whom was the Commander and a Captain of Engineers; Mons. Baudrand, Colonel and Chief of Engineers of Corfu, (reported of very great abilities), was also in her, having been to Parga and Pado to improve the fortifications.

The Laurel was detached to St. Maura with the