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*Lord Chamberlain's-Office, November 6, 1813.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent will hold a Levee at Carlton-House, on Thursday next the 11th instant, at two o'clock.

*Admiralty-Office, November 9, 1813.*

*Extract of a Letter from Admiral Lord Keith, K. B. to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board His Majesty's Ship Hannibal, in Cawsand-Bay, the 6th instant.*

**I** HAVE frequently had occasion to commend the active and enterprising spirit of Captain Scriven, of the Telegraph schooner, whom their Lordships have so recently promoted to the rank of Commander; the gallantry and professional skill that he has again displayed in destroying a French national brig of very superior force, under the circumstances mentioned in the accompanying letters, are highly honourable to him.

*Surveillante, in Passages, October 14, 1813.*

**M**Y LORD,  
I HAVE the honour to congratulate your Lordship, on the destruction of the French national brig Flibustier, one of the finest corvettes of France, by His Majesty's schooner Telegraph, of a force every way inferior, almost in the mouth of the Adour, covered in some degree by the enemy's batteries, and witnessed by some thousands of both armies.

The Flibustier had been waiting an opportunity to steal out of St. Jean de Luz for some months past; the near approach of the Marquess of Wellington's army made it absolutely necessary, and a dark and stormy night determined her commander to risk the attempt.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G. R. COLLIER, Captain.  
*Admiral Lord Keith, K. B. &c. &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Schooner Telegraph, October 14, 1813.*

**SIR,**

IN obedience to your orders, to report to you the circumstances attending the destruction of the French national brig Flibustier, I do myself the pleasure to acquaint you, that the Flibustier, having

taken advantage of a favourable moment, sailed from St. Jean de Luz, and at daylight of the 13th, was discovered, attended by three Trincadores, when she was immediately chased by His Majesty's schooner under my command, the Challenger and Constant in the offing, seven or eight miles distant; the enemy being becalmed, had anchored under the protection of some French batteries close to the mouth of Bayonne; a partial breeze lasted time enough to enable His Majesty's schooner to close and commence action, which after being maintained for three quarters of an hour, ended by the corvette's crew suddenly quitting her and pulling for the shore, which from its nearness they were easily enabled to effect, in spite of a well directed broadside; for, as the corvette was perceived to be on fire, my endeavours were if possible to save the vessel, and boats were sent for that purpose, but without success.

By papers found on board of her, I learnt that the Flibustier was commanded by Monsieur Daniels, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, and a Member of the Legion of Honour, that she mounted sixteen French twenty-four-pounders, (carronades) two long nine-pounders, a brass howitzer gun, and four brass three-pounders, having on board one hundred and sixty men. She appears to have been bound to Santona, for the relief of that garrison, having on board treasure, arms, ammunition, and salt provisions, and from her large complement of men, probably some officers and soldiers for that garrison.

I beg to express my best thanks to Mr. Blyth, (Master) and Mr. Pearson, (Master's-Mate) for their zeal and good conduct, and to assure you how much I was pleased at the animated conduct of my crew, who saluted the enemy with three cheers before a shot was fired.

I had no means of ascertaining the enemy's loss in killed or wounded, though from appearances on board, it must have been considerable; but I have the pleasure to state, that the Telegraph did not lose a man.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) TIMY. SCRIVEN,  
Lieutenant and Commander.

*Sir Geo. R. Collier, Knt. &c. &c. &c.*