

Although I have more than once had occasion to mention the zeal of Captain Black, I should be wanting if I were not to make known to you, his unvaried endeavours to forward the public service; and how much I am indebted for the cordiality with which he received my suggestions: he speaks in high terms of the conduct of Lieutenant Grant, of the Milford; of Lieutenant Parker, of the Royal Marines, with all those employed on this occasion.

We have sustained no loss; the enemy, two killed, and one wounded. The French seem to have attached much importance to this place, for the protection of their convoys; as two engineers, with a great number of artificers, were employed erecting a tower at the top of the hill; those, with an officer of rank, made their escape: a captain, subaltern, and sixty-one soldiers, remain prisoners. The civic guard laid down their arms, and were permitted to return to their habitations.

The Weazle will escort to Lissa the guns, mortars, stores, and ammunition. I have burnt the signal tower, and not left one stone upon another.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) T. F. FREEMANTLE.

To Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew,
Bart. &c. &c. &c.

The Eagle, off Rovigno, 3d August, 1813.

SIR,
SAILING along the coast of Istria, yesterday evening, in company with His Majesty's ship Bacchante, a convoy of twenty-one sail was seen at anchor, in the harbour of Rovigno. Conceiving the capture of them feasible, I communicated my intentions to Captain Hoste, who led in, and a firing was commenced on the batteries. After some resistance they were abandoned, when the boats of each ship, with parties of royal marines, under the command of Captain Hoste, landed, and drove the enemy out of the town, took possession of the batteries, disabled the guns, and demolished the different works, without suffering any other accident than a private of royal marines, of His Majesty's ship Eagle, being wounded.

The enemy scuttled the greater part of the vessels on our approach, but by the active exertions of the officers and men employed, the whole were completely destroyed or brought off, and the ships and other vessels burnt, that were building, or on the stocks.

The conduct of the officers, petty officers, seamen, and marines, employed on this service, merits my warmest encomiums.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) C. ROWLEY, Captain.

Rear-Admiral Freemantle, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Ship Havannah,
Adriatic, July 20, 1813.

SIR,
SUBJOINED is the statement of the result of an attack made by this ship, and His Majesty's sloop Partridge, upon a small convoy, seven in number, on the N.W. coast of Manfredonia, on the morning of the 18th instant.

I have, &c.

G. CADOGAN.

1 Neapolitan gun-boat, 1 eighteen-pounder, captured.

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1 pinnace, with 1 six-pounder, destroyed.

2 armed trabacalos, of 3 guns each, laden with salt, captured.

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The gun-boats quite new, and belonging to the fifth division.

Rear-Admiral Freemantle.

His Majesty's Sloop Weazel, off Cape Otranto, August 24, 1813.

SIR,

I BEG leave to inform you, that two French gun-boats, La Tonnante and L'Auguste, were this day captured by His Majesty's sloop under my command, the former commanded by M. Simon, Enseigne de Vaisseau, carrying two guns, and a crew of forty men, the latter by M. N. Cranotich, of the same rank, carrying two guns and twenty-seven men.

Independent of their respective crews, they had on board thirty-seven officers and non-commissioned officers of the French army, among whom I find one major, five captains, and ten lieutenants.

They sailed from Fano last night, and when first seen this morning at daylight, were standing towards Otranto, in company with three others, but separated immediately on observing His Majesty's sloop making towards them. The capture of these two was not effected until after a chase of six hours, blowing fresh, which enabled the others to escape back into Fano.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. BLACK.

B. W. Taylor, Esq. His Majesty's
Ship Apollo, off Corfu.

Admiralty-Office, November 23, 1813.

VICE-ADMIRAL Sir Edward Pellew has also transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. a letter, addressed to Rear-Admiral Freemantle by Captain Harper of His Majesty's sloop Saracen, giving an account of the capture of the island of Mezzo, near Ragusa, by that sloop and the Weazle, on the 22d July last.

The island being of importance to the enemy, for the protection of their convoys, and it being understood to be their intention to reinforce the garrison from Ragusa, Captain Harper landed the marines of the two vessels; on the 17th, with some guns, which, with great exertions, were mounted in a battery on the top of a rocky mountain, which commanded the castle; and on the 22d, the enemy surrendered it, on condition of being allowed to land near Ragusa, under the engagement not to serve against Great Britain or her Allies, until exchanged.

One marine was killed, and two wounded.

Captain Harper praises in high terms the conduct of Captain Black, and the other officers and men of the Saracen and Weazle.