

as they had finished we again took to our oars, and pulling up to the enemy against a strong current, running at the rate of nearly three miles an hour, exposed to a heavy and destructive fire of round and grape, about noon I had the satisfaction of closing with the Commodore in the Seahorse's barge.

After several minutes obstinate resistance, in which the greater part of the officers and crew of this boat were either killed or wounded, myself amongst the latter, severely, we succeeded in boarding, and being seconded by the Seahorse's first barge, commanded by Mr. White, Midshipman, and aided by the boats of the Tonnant, commanded by Lieutenant Tatnell, we soon carried her, and turned her guns with good effect upon the remaining four.

During this time Captain Montresor's division was making every possible exertion to close with the enemy, and with the assistance of the other boats, then joined by Captain Roberts; in about five minutes we had possession of the whole of the flotilla.

I have to lament the loss of many of my brave and gallant companions, who gloriously fell in this attack; but considering the great strength of the enemy's vessels (whose force is handsomely described) and their state of preparation, we have by no means suffered so severely as might have been expected.

I am under the greatest obligations to the officers, seamen, and marines, I had the honour to command on this occasion, to whose gallantry and exertions the service is indebted for the capture of these vessels; any comments of mine would fall short of the praise due to them: I am especially indebted to Captains Montresor and Roberts, for their advice and assistance; they are entitled to more than I can say of them, and have my best thanks for the admirable style in which they pushed on with their divisions to the capture of the remainder of the enemy's flotilla.

In an expedition of this kind, where so many were concerned, and so much personal exertion and bravery was displayed, I find it impossible to particularize every individual who distinguished himself, and deserves to be well spoken of; but I feel it my duty to mention those whose behaviour fell immediately under my own eye.

Lieutenant George Pratt, second of the Seahorse, who commanded that ship's boats, and was in the same boat with me, conducted himself to that admiration which I cannot sufficiently express; in his attempt to board the enemy he was several times severely wounded, and at last so dangerously, that I fear the service will be deprived of this gallant and promising young officer.

I cannot omit to mention also the conduct of Lieutenants Tatnell and Roberts, of the Tonnant, particularly the former, who, after having his boat sunk alongside, got into another, and gallantly pushed on to the attack of the remainder of the flotilla. Lieutenant Roberts was wounded in closing with the enemy.

I have the honour to be, &c.
(Signed) NICHOLAS LOCKYER, Captain.

Vice-Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

No. 1.—Gun-Vessel, 1 long twenty-four-pounder, 4 twelve-pounder carronades, and 4 swivels, with a complement of 45 men, Captain Jones, Commodore.

No. 2.—Gun-Vessel, 1 long thirty-two-pounder, 6 long six-pounders, 2 five-inch howitzers, and four swivels, with a complement of 45 men, Lieutenant M'Yves.

No. 3.—Gun-Vessel, 1 long twenty-four-pounder, 4 long six-pounders, and 1 swivels, with a complement of 45 men.

No. 4.—Gun-Vessel, 1 long twenty-four-pounder, 4 twelve-pounder carronades, with a complement of 45 men.

No. 5.—Gun-Vessel, 1 long twenty-four-pounder, 4 twelve-pounder carronades, with a complement of 45 men.

No. 6.—Armed Sloop, 1 long six-pounder, 2 twelve-pounder carronades, with a complement of 20 men.

NICHOLAS LOCKYER, Captain.

A List of the Killed and Wounded in the Boats of His Majesty's Ships, at the capture of the American Gun-Vessels near New Orleans.

1 able seaman, 2 ordinary seaman, killed; 1 lieutenant, 4 midshipmen, 4 able seamen, 1 ordinary, 2 landmen, 3 private marines, wounded.

1 quarter-master killed; 1 master's-mate, 4 able seamen, 3 ordinary seamen, 1 private marine, wounded.

1 seaman killed; 2 lieutenants, 1 master's-mate, 2 seamen, wounded.

1 seaman wounded.

4 seamen killed; 9 seamen wounded.

1 midshipman, 1 seaman, 2 private marines, wounded.

1 midshipman, 1 volunteer of the 1st class, 1 able seaman, 1 ordinary seaman, 1 private marine, killed; 1 lieutenant, 2 midshipmen, 1 lieutenant of marines, 7 able seamen, 7 ordinary seamen, 1 landman, 4 private marines, wounded.

1 volunteer of the 1st class, one captain of the fore-top, killed; 1 private marine wounded.

1 captain wounded.

3 seamen wounded.

2 seamen wounded.

1 master's-mate wounded.