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Admiralty-Office, August 16, 1824.

DISPATCHES have this morning been received at this Office, addressed by Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Neale to John Wilson Croker, Esq. and dated in the Bay of Algiers, the 26th of July, reporting that the differences between this country and the Regency of Algiers were on that day satisfactorily arranged, and that the hostilities between the two countries had accordingly ceased.

Admiralty-Office, August 16, 1824.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR HARRY NEALE has transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. a letter from the Honourable Captain Spencer, of His Majesty's ship Naiad, of which the following is a copy:

*His Majesty's Ship Naiad, Bay of Bona,
SIR,
May 24, 1824.*

I HAVE much satisfaction in acquainting you with the complete destruction of the Algerine brig of war, lately reported to you, moored alongside the walls of the fortress of Bona, by the boats of the Naiad, under the command of Lieutenant Quin, first of this ship.

If, in detailing this affair, I should trespass somewhat at length on your time, I trust, Sir, you will attribute it solely to my anxious desire that the conspicuous merit of the Officers and men in the boats and their gallant leader should have due credit, the whole plan of the operations having

been formed, and all the details arranged, entirely by Lieutenant Quin himself; excepting that I objected to his proposal of bringing the brig out, knowing her situation to be such as would risk very many lives in the attempt.

The boats left the Naiad at half-past eleven last night, and being guided in their approach by the lights and fires in the different batteries, pulled for what proved to be a sixteen gun brig of the largest class, whose position was of extraordinary strength, and far beyond what I had even imagined possible. She was moored head and stern, in addition to a chain cable fast on shore, in a bight within about eighty feet of the walls of the fortress, upon which I counted at least forty pieces of cannon, some flanking her on either side, none further off than short cannister range, and several within her own length, amongst which latter were the sixteen guns belonging to the brig herself, the enemy not unreasonably conceiving that, by placing them there, in preference to keeping them in her, all attempts at boarding must be rendered ineffectual by their fire. I have reason to believe the greater part of her crew were landed to work them, the whole of the Turkish garrison, of about four hundred soldiers, having sufficient employment in managing the other guns, and keeping up a heavy fire of musketry from the embrasures and wall, almost overhanging her decks. A few sailors, left as look-outs, escaped to the shore, leaving the brig so lightened as to cause the greatest difficulty