

the end of this day. We demand a categorical answer, without evasions, before sun-set.

Signed by the English, French, and Russian Admirals.

No. V.

*His Britannic Majesty's Ship Asia,
Navarin, 23d Oct. 1827.*

MONSIEUR L'AMIRAL,

WHEN your Excellency did me the honour of voluntarily placing yourself and the Russian squadron under my command, you gave me a right to judge of your conduct in that situation by making me in a great measure responsible for it. I take advantage then of that right to say, that I contemplated your way of leading your squadron into battle on the 20th with the greatest pleasure, that nothing can exceed the good management of the ships under your special direction, and that my having had you under my orders in that bloody and destructive engagement, will be one of the proudest events of my whole professional life.

I have the honour to be, with the greatest esteem, your Excellency's friend and servant,

(Signed) EDWARD CODRINGTON,
Vice-Admiral.

*To His Excellency Rear-Admiral Count Heiden,
&c. &c. &c.*

N. B. The answer of Rear-Admiral Count Heiden does not appear to have been received.

No. VI.

*His Britannic Majesty's Ship Asia,
Navarin, Oct. 23, 1827.*

MONSIEUR L'AMIRAL,

WHEN your Excellency did me the honour of voluntarily placing yourself and the French squadron under my command, you gave me a right to judge in that situation, by making me in a great measure responsible for it. I take advantage then of that right to say, that I contemplated your way of leading your squadron into battle on the 20th, with the greatest pleasure, that nothing can exceed the good management of the ships under your special direction, and that my having had you under my orders in that bloody and destructive engagement will be one of the proudest events of my whole professional life. Although it was my wish to avoid entering into any particular detail, the general expression of the Captains of the British ships, who were near the *Armide*, calls upon me to say, that the conduct of *Capitaine Hugon* entitles him to the marked consideration of your Excellency.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD CODRINGTON,
Vice-Admiral.

*Son Excellence Monsieur le Contre-Amiral,
Chevalier de Rigny, &c. &c. &c.*

No. VII.—(Translation.)

SIR, *Syrene, at Navarin, October 23, 1827.*

I CONSIDER your approbation, and the letter which you have addressed to me, as a testimony most honourable to myself and to the Officers under

my orders; and I shall preserve the letter as a valuable record of your esteem, and I also hope of your friendship.

In the action of the 20th, you set us the example; we could not do better than follow it.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, your Excellency's most faithful servant,

(Signed) H. DE RIGNY, Rear-Admiral.

To His Excellency Vice-Admiral Codrington.

No. VIII.—(Translation.)

SIR, *Syrene, at Navarin, October 23, 1827.*

I HASTEN to do myself the honour to inform your Excellency, from a detailed report made by Captain Hugon, of the *Armide*, that the excellent manœuvre of Captain Davies, when the *Rose* came and resolutely cast her anchor within pistol-shot of two Turkish corvettes, relieved the *Armide* in a few minutes from her unfavourable position; and it is my duty, and at the same time a great pleasure to me, to assure your Excellency, that on this occasion Captain Davies did every thing that could be expected of a brave and experienced Officer.

Allow me also to take this opportunity of returning my thanks to Captain Fellowes for the assistance which the *Syrene* received from the boats of the Dartmouth when, with much skill and bravery, they attacked and turned off the fire-ships ready to come down upon us.

I am, with the highest consideration, your very faithful servant,

(Signed) H. DE RIGNY, Rear-Admiral,

*His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Edward
Codrington, commanding His Britannic
Majesty's Squadron.*

No. IX.

A Return of Officers and Men killed and wounded on board His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under the Command of Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, K. C. B. &c. &c. &c. in an Action with the Turkish Fleet, in Navarin-Harbour, 20th October 1827.

ASIA.

Killed.

Captain G. A. Bell, R. M.
Mr. William Smith (2), Master.
Mr. Philip Dumaresq, Supernumerary Mate.
Mr. John Lewis (a), Boatswain.
Mr. Peter Mitchell, Pilot.
8 seamen.
6 royal marines.
Total killed—19.

Wounded severely.

Mr. H. J. Codrington, Midshipman.
Mr. W. V. Lee, Midshipman.
Mr. R. H. Bunbury, Volunteer of 1st class.
Mr. C. Wakchan, Supernumerary Clerk.
26 seamen.
2 royal marines.

Wounded slightly.

Honourable Lieutenant-Colonel Craddock, passenger.
Mr. Henry S. Dyer, Admiral's Secretary.
16 seamen.
7 royal marines.
Total wounded—57.