

ley has been left for its protection, with as many other vessels as can be spared, including the Guerriere Austrian frigate), much skill and judgment have been displayed in putting the place into a good state of defence against an attack by Ibrahim Pasha, who is in that neighbourhood; and Captain Berkeley mentions the ready assistance he at all times receives from His Royal Highness Prince Charles Frederick of Austria.

I have the honour to be, &c.
(Signed) ROBERT STOPFORD, Admiral.
R. M. O'Ferrall, Esq. &c. &c. Admiralty.

Head Quarters, Army of Lebanon,
SIR, D'jourmie, September 29, 1840.

I embarked at sunset of the 26th instant in obedience to your directions, with a Turkish battalion under Commandant of Battalion Homchild Aga; and the first battalion of Royal Marines under Captain Morison, of the Princess Charlotte, in the two steam ships Gorgon and Cyclops, and proceeded off Sidon; at daylight Thunderer and Austrian frigate Guerriere, Gul Sifide, Turkish corvette, and Wasp joined, as also the Stromboli, from England, with 284 marines, under Captain Whylack. The wind being light, the Cyclops towed Thunderer to her position, previously fixed by Captain Berkeley; Stromboli towed up the Guerriere, and the Turkish corvette, who were placed by Captain Berkeley abreast of the town. The Wasp and Stromboli anchored more to the southward, to flank it. The Gorgon and Cyclops, and Hydra, who joined from Tyre, with Walker Bey, took up their positions both northward, close to the castle. The enclosed summons was sent to the Governor, which he refused to comply with.

The Turkish battalion was now put into the boats, and rendezvoused round the Cyclops, a few shot and shell were fired from the Gorgon at the castle and barracks, and shortly after the whole of the squadron opened their broadsides to drive the troops from the houses, and the entrenchments they had thrown up to prevent a landing: in half an hour the firing ceased, and Captain Austin landed the Turkish battalion in the castle, which is joined to the town by a narrow causeway; this was effected with some loss, as the enemy still stuck to their entrenchments, the fire of the ships was again opened, and the houses in front battered down.

Commodore Mansel, of the Wasp, was directed to seize the first favorable opportunity of throwing the detachment of marines, brought out by the Stromboli, and the Austrian marines, into the castle, abreast of him, which he did with great gallantry and judgment.

Lieutenant Hockin, of the marines, and several men, were killed and wounded; they were directed to work their way to the upper castle, which commanded the town. The 1st Battalion of marines were now landed by Captain Henderson, of the Gorgon on the beach to the northward of the town, when they formed and advanced to the walls: all being now ready, the Turkish battalion, headed by Walker Bey, and Captain Austin, pushed along the causeway, and entered the town,

I put myself at the head of the British marines, and broke into the barracks. Captain Henderson, and another party, lodged themselves in a house above the barracks; this done, I marched the battalion along the line wall to the upper gate, broke it open, and seized the castle. All seemed now quiet below, and, leaving a guard in the castle, we descended through several streets arched over, where occasional skirmishing took place with detached parties of Egyptian troops, who were easily driven, and finally took refuge in a vaulted barrack, where we found upwards of a thousand men laying ready for a sortie, should occasion offer, or to lay down their arms, should they be discovered; the latter was their fate.

I congratulate you, Sir, on the success of this enterprize, the garrison consisted of nearly three thousand men, and not one escaped: our force was under one thousand.

Our loss, which I enclose, has been trifling; one marine officer and three seaman killed, two mates, a boatswain, and thirty seamen wounded.

I have much reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the captains, officers, and men under my orders, all showed the greatest zeal; English, Austrian, and Turks, vied with each other.

Commander Mansel is an old officer, well deserving of promotion. Messrs. McGuire and Price, old mates, are both severely wounded, and behaved most gallantly, as did Mr. Cummins, mate of the Cyclops, whose conduct was seen by Captain Berkeley, who wrote him a strong letter on the occasion, and I trust their Lordships will promote them.

My Aid-de-Camp, Lieutenant Bradly, was also forward on all occasions.

The Archduke Frederick placed his ship well, and kept up an excellent fire: Walker Bey, Turkish Rear-Admiral, who was there by accident, was the first who advanced along the causeway.

My thanks are due to the Honourable Captain Berkeley, who assisted me on all occasions, as well as Captains Henderson and Austin, Commanders Robinson and Williams, and to the Captain of the Turkish corvette, to Captain Morison, who commanded the marine battalion, and to Captain Whylock, who commanded the marine detachment.

I am also much indebted to Captain Lane, of the Prussian service, who is attached to my staff.

I have the honour, &c.
(Signed) CHARLES NAPIER,
Commodore.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Robert Stopford, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

P.S. Since writing my public letter on the capture of Sidon, it has come to my knowledge, that there was a complete race between Mr. James Hunt, midshipman of the Stromboli, and Signor Dominica Chinca, midshipman of the Austrian frigate, Guerriere, who should first place the colours in the part of the town they were landed.

Her Majesty's Steam Ship Gorgon,
SIR, September 26, 1840.

IN the name of the five United Powers, Turkey, England, Austria, Russia, and Prussia. I demand that you immediately declare for the Sultan your master.