

Dalrymple Hay, midshipman, and his crew deserve every credit for their very spirited conduct.

The jolly boat of the Carysfort (the only other light boat) commanded by Mr. W. H. Stewart, midshipman, was also very useful; and Lieutenant Maitland speaks in favourable terms of that young officer's proceedings.

To Captain Martin and Commander James Stopford my grateful thanks are justly due; all that was done was in perfect concord with them, and from both these officers I derived the most cordial support and assistance. The precision of the fire from their ships *over the boats and men*, during the whole of the attack, was *quite astonishing*, and by rendering the aim of the enemy unsteady, must have saved many lives.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HOUSTON STEWART, Capt.

To Admiral the Honourable Sir R. Stopford.

G.C.B. G.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief.

BENBOW'S.

Launch.—Mr. Wm. King Hall, Mate; Lieut. Harrison, R. M.—3 marines, 1 Seaman, killed; (one wounded marine, of Benbows, since dead.) 4 marines, 2 seamen, wounded.

Barge.—Mr. G. F. Day, Mate; 4 seamen wounded.

1st Gig.—Hon. A. Cochrane, volunteer 1st. Class.

Pinnace.—Mr. A. G. West, midshipman; 1 seaman wounded.

1st Cutter.—Mr. J. C. D. Hay, midshipman; 1 seaman killed; 2 seamen wounded.

Landing Party.—Mr. F. H. Stanfell, mate; Mr. J. F. Ross, midshipman; 1 seaman wounded.

CARYSFORT'S.

Pinnace.—Lieut. Stephens; Hon. — Douglas, midshipman; none killed or wounded.

Barge.—Mr. Gennecys, mate; Mr. Loney, 2nd master.

Jolly Boat.—Mr. W. Houston Stewart, midshipman.

ZEBRA'S.

Pinnace.—Mr. J. Simpson, mate; 3 marines wounded.

*Return of Officers and Men killed and wounded, belonging to Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels, in an attack by the boats of those Ships, in an attack on the town of Tortosa, 25 September, 1840.*

BENBOW.

*Killed.*

2 seamen; 3 royal marines.

*Wounded.*

9 seamen; 3 royal marines, severely.

*Wounded.*

1 seaman; 1 royal marine, slightly.

ZEBRA.

*Wounded.*

2 seamen; 1 royal marine, slightly.

Total Killed—5.

Total Wounded—17.

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Princess Charlotte, Beyrout;  
12th October 1840.

SIR,

I BEG to transmit, for their Lordships' information, a letter from Captain Austin, of the Cyclops, and two from Captain Collier of the Castor, detailing their proceedings on the Coast of Tyre and Sidon, and have great pleasure in noticing the gallant conduct of the Officers and men therein mentioned.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c.

(Signed) ROBERT STOPFORD, Admiral,  
R. M. O'Ferrall, Esq.

Her Majesty's Steam Vessel Cyclops,  
D'Jounie Bay, 22nd Sept. 1840.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, that in accordance with your directions, I took on board two thousand stand of arms, and thirteen mountaineers of the villages between Beyrout and Sidon, and accompanied by Mr. Wood, I proceeded on the morning of the 20th instant, arriving off the village of Swaiffat at daybreak. We landed two of the mountaineers for the purpose of communicating; shortly after a body of infantry, consisting of from five hundred to six hundred men, were seen approaching from the direction of B  yrout, which obliged the villagers to return.

These being received on board, and the troops having been observed to take up a position in a caravanserai near the shore, the Cyclops was made to near it; after some little detour, and as soon as the object was discovered, the occupation of the building was resigned and a quick retreat commenced, when a few shot and shell obliged all to return and take cover under a bank behind the building; a restricted cannonading was opened, and the troops not showing we proceeded to the southward.

Shortly after our departure the troops were observed flying in a most irregular manner, only to be described as a flock of wild goats. When opposite to the Khann of Un  s, a body of Lancers was observed too distant for shelling, but sufficiently near to prevent any communication with the villages opposite. As we proceeded along shore we drove from their position two outposts of perhaps twenty men each, anchoring at Luntel, near to the point joining the north-east part of the bay of Sidon. After dark a messenger was landed with a proclamation and letter to the Sheik of Darel Kannah, and at the break of day two others were landed for a similar purpose to the other villages. At daylight, observing a bark at anchor in Sidon, and the messenger's return not being expected until the night or next morning, I proceeded to Sidon. Having discovered the stranger to be the "Billiante" French Corvette; we examined the south-east side of Sidon, to ascertain its strength in that direction, and shortly after returned to the anchorage, requesting the French Commander to announce through his Consul, whose flag was flying, my determination to dislodge the troops from the barracks and fort, but to assure the inhabitants that their houses should not be injured.

Shortly after the troops were in full activity raising a breastwork of sandbags and baskets across a