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DISPATCHES have been received at this Office, from Rear Admiral Inglefield, in the river Plate, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, of which the following are copies :

Her Majesty's Ship Vernon, off
SIR, *Monte Video, 17th June 1846.*

ADVERTING to my letter, No. 94, of the 9th instant, I have now the satisfaction of forwarding to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of the report I have received from Captain Sir Charles Hotham, of Her Majesty's ship Gorgon, acquainting me with the successful passage of the convoy (of 110 vessels) under the protection of the English and French vessels of war, named in the margin,* past the batteries which General Rosas had caused to be erected on the heights of San Lorenzo, in the river Parana, for the express purpose of obstructing the progress of the convoy down the river.

Although this success, owing to the grounding of the British barque Caledonia, was not perfectly complete, yet I feel persuaded their Lordships will give the fullest credit to Captain Sir Charles Hotham, and his colleague, Admiral Tréhouart,

* English.—Gorgon, Firebrand, Dolphin, Fanny, Lizard, Harpy, Alecto.

French.—San Martin, Fulton, Gassendi, Coquette, Procida.

for the able and judicious manner in which their arrangements were made, and also to all the Officers, seamen, and royal marines serving under their orders, for the cool and steady manner in which this difficult service was performed, fortunately without a single casualty in any of the men of war or merchant vessels, a circumstance which, considering the strength of the position of the Buenos Ayrean batteries and continuous fire, cannot but be regarded as quite providential.

I trust their Lordships will permit me to call their attention to the names of the Officers whom Sir Charles Hotham especially brings under my notice, as having occupied situations more prominent than others.

Their Lordships will be gratified by learning, that the unanimity and good understanding which existed between Sir Charles Hotham and Admiral Tréhouart, and the respective vessels under their orders, from the commencement of the expedition, has continued, without intermission, to subsist between the two squadrons, a remark which, I am happy to be able to assert, is equally applicable to all occasions when English and French have been acting together, during the time I have had the honour to hold this command.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) S. H. INGLEFIELD, Rear
Admiral and Commander
in Chief.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.