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Admiralty, 20th November 1848.

DISPATCHES have been received at this Office from Commander James J. McCleverty, of Her Majesty's steam sloop Polyphemus, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, of which the following are copies or extracts:

(Copy.)

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Polyphemus,
SIR, *Gibraltar, November 9, 1848.*

DEEMING it of importance that my Lords of the Admiralty should be made acquainted, with as little delay as possible, of the proceedings of Her Majesty's sloop under my command, on the 8th instant, I have the honour to enclose duplicates of my communications to the Commander in Chief, and to request that you will be pleased to lay the same before their Lordships.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JAMES J. McCLEVERTY,
Commander.

H. G. Ward, Esq. Admiralty.

(Copy.)

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Polyphemus,
SIR, *at Gibraltar, 9th November 1848.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, on the 7th instant, I received a communication from Mr. Glasgow, merchant, of this place, enclosing a letter from Mr. J. Forster, late Master of the brig Three Sisters, of Liverpool, copies of which I herewith enclose.

We started the same evening to the Rif Coast, and at daylight ran into Al Khoyamich Bay, and coasted from thence, close to the shore, towards Cape Tres Forcas, for the purpose of discovering the brig, if they should have taken her to the westward.

At eleven A.M. of the 8th, on opening the Point of Calla Tramontana, we discovered her anchored close to the shore, in a small bay, partly surrounded by an amphitheatre of precipices, high rocks, and ravines, all of which places were crowded with men armed with long muskets, evidently for the purpose of protecting the brig, which laid considerably within musquet shot range.

Their boats, seven in number, were hauled up on the beach, and in the mouths of Cavern, with a strong party of armed men lying under cover for the protection of part of the cargo, which they had landed; their whole force appeared to consist of at least five hundred men; on approaching close to the brig, they opened fire of musquetry from all points, which we immediately returned with grape, cannister, and musquetry, doubtless with very good effect, as a very large number of them began flying about in all directions, and taking up more secure positions; having dislodged them from the beach, we proceeded to take the vessel in tow, which service was performed by Lieutenant Gardner, who volunteered to take the cutter, with a hawser, and weigh the brig's anchor; just at this time a fire was opened from a gun, supposed to be a six or nine pounder, and as, unavoidably, our stern was towards the nearest point