

Santa Margarita to procure pilots to take the French ships into harbour, I transmit you the returns of killed and wounded, in the action of the 4th; and also a copy of the thanks alluded to in my letter, which I request you will communicate to their Lordships.

I dare say their Lordships will be surprised, that we have lost so few men. I can only account for it from the enemy firing high, and we closing suddenly.

I have the honour to be, &c.

R. J. STRACHAN.

I have as yet no very correct account of the loss of the enemy, or of their number of men. The Mont Blanc had 700; 63 killed, and 96 wounded, mostly dangerous.

The Scipion, 111 killed and wounded. The French Admiral, Monsieur Dumanoir le Pelley, wounded; the Captain of the Duguay Trouin, killed; and 2d Captain wounded.

A list of Killed and Wounded in his Majesty's ships undermentioned, in action with a French Squadron on the 4th of November, 1805.

Cæsar—4 killed and 25 wounded.
Héro—10 killed and 51 wounded.
Courageux—1 killed and 13 wounded.
Namur—4 killed and 8 wounded.
Santa Margarita—1 killed and 1 wounded.
Revolutionnaire—2 killed and 6 wounded.
Phoenix—2 killed and 4 wounded.
Æolus—3 wounded.

Total—24 killed and 111 wounded—135.

OFFICERS KILLED.

Héro—Mr Morrison, Second Lieutenant of Marines.
Santa Margarita—Mr Thomas Edwards, boat-swain.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

Héro—Lieut. Skelkel; Mr Titterton and Mr Stephenson, Second Lieutenants of Marines.
Courageux—Mr R. Clephane, First Lieutenant; Mr Daws, Master's Mate; Mr Bird, Midshipman; and Mr Aulin, gunner.
Namur—Wm. Clements, Captain of Marines; Thomas Osborne, 2d Lieutenant; and Frederick Bealey, Midshipman.

(Signed) R. J. STRACHAN.

GENERAL MEMORANDUM.

Cæsar, at Sea, Nov. 6.

Having returned thanks to Almighty God for the victory obtained over the French Squadron, the senior Captain begs to make his grateful acknowledgements for the support he has received from the ships of the line and the frigates; and requests the Captains will do him the honour to accept his thanks, and communicate to their respective offices and ship's companies how much he admires their zealous and gallant conduct.

R. J. STRACHAN.

To the respective Captains and Commanders.

Copy of a letter from the Hon. Wm. Cornwallis, Admiral of the Red, &c. to Wm. Marsden, Esq. dated Ville de Paris, at sea, the 4th November, 1805.

SIR—I send the inclosed letter for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 8th of last month, now received from the Hon. Charles E. Fleming, Captain of his Majesty's ship Egyptienne, making known to me, that he had fallen in with, and captured, on the night of the 2d, the French National brig, L'Acteon, of 16 guns, and 126 men.

The Egyptienne having seen her prize into Plymouth, returned to her station.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. CORNWALLIS.

His Majesty's ship Egyptienne, Plymouth Sound, Oct. 8.

SIR, I have the honour to acquaint you, that his Majesty's ship under my command, captured, on the night of the 2d inst. the French Imperial brig, L'Acteon, of 16 guns and 126 men, two hours after she left the anchorage off Rochelle.

Having in the morning reconnoitred the port of Rochefort, in pursuance of your orders, and perceiving L'Acteon apparently ready for sea, in a situation where I thought it practicable to bring her out, I resolved to accept of the very hand-

some offer of Lieutenant Handfield to make the attempt, and stood off to the N.W. till sunset. At eight P.M. returned into the Pertuis d'Antioche, intending to anchor in the Rade de Bafque, to support the boats which were prepared for the enterprise, when the brig was perceived, under all sail, outside, and fell into our possession after a short chase.

L'Acteon was commanded by Monsieur Depoge, Capitaine de Fregate; and had on board a Colonel and some recruits, with arms and cloathing for a regiment in the West Indies.

I have the honour to be, &c.

C. E. FLEMING.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, NOV. 9.

Copy of a letter from the late Lord Viscount Nelson, K.B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Mediterranean, to W. Marsden, Esq. dated on board the Victory, off Cadiz, October 13. 1805.

SIR—I herewith transmit you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from Capt. Hofte of the Eurydice, dated the 7th inst. together with the list of vessels captured, as therein mentioned. I am much pleased with Captains Hofte and Thomas, for their exertions in getting the Eurydice so expeditiously off the shoal, particularly so, as she is stated to have received no damage.

I am, &c. NELSON & BRONTE.

Eurydice, Oct. 7. 1805. off Cape Umbria.

MY LORD.—I have the honour to inform you, that yesterday morning, Cape Umbria bearing N. E. by N. seven or eight miles, several sail were seen coming along shore from the eastward, apparently from St Lucar; and on its falling calm, the boats of his Majesty's ships Eurydice and Ætna were dispatched for the purpose of intercepting them. On their closing the vessels, they were found to be under the convoy of a large Spanish armed sloop, mounting two long 24 pounders in the bow, two 12-pound carronades, and two four-pound swivels, with a considerable number of men on board. A heavy fire was kept up from this vessel as the boats approached the convoy, notwithstanding which, they gallantly persevered, and succeeded in capturing four of them. Finding the Eurydice was closing fast with the armed vessel, they desisted, till, under fire of the ships, they might attack her with greater advantage; and from her appearing of too great a force for the boats to attack without some vessel covering them, I was induced to run the Eurydice closer in than I otherwise should have done; and in the act of looking up to let go my anchor, unfortunately took ground on a shoal about half a mile from the main land. Owing, however, to the very great assistance I received from Captain Thomas of the Ætna bomb, and, in a great measure, owing to the situation she was placed in, and his exertions afterwards, the Eurydice was soon afloat again. I find the armed vessel is a privateer, from Cadiz, bound to Moquer, to purchase wine for their fleet. She had been three days out when captured, called La Solidad, Captain Don Augustin Larodi. Great praise is due to Lieutenant Green, first of the Eurydice, and the officers and men under him, for their exertions in getting off the privateer, and gallant manner in which they attacked the convoy before the Eurydice closed with them. I inclose your Lordship a list of vessels captured, &c. since the 3d instant, and remain, &c. &c.

WILLIAM HOSTE.

Right Hon. Lord Nelson, K. B.
Duke of Bronte, &c. &c.

An Account of Ships of War and Merchantmen captured and detained by his Majesty's ship Eurydice, William Hofte, Esq. Captain, between the 3d and 8th of October, 1805.

A Spanish sloop (name unknown); laden with fruit: run on shore and bilged, on the 5th of October, 1805, off the river Moquer, the crew having deserted.

A Spanish sloop (name unknown), laden with part charcoal; run on shore and bilged, on the same day, off ditto, the crew having deserted.

Spanish Mestuo La Soledad, Don A. Lorodi

Captain, of six guns, from Cadiz bound to Lorodi; captured by Mr Coy, master's mate of the Eurydice, on the 6th of October, 1805, off ditto, the crew having deserted.

A Spanish sloop (name unknown), from St Lucie, laden with wine: captured by the Ætna on the same day, off ditto, the crew having deserted.

A French sloop (name unknown), from St Lucie, laden with wine: captured by Thomas Turner, Quarter-Master, on same day, off ditto, the crew having deserted.

W. HOSTE, Captain.

WHITEHALL, NOV. 9. 1805.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant to the Rev. Wm. Nelson, D.D. now Lord Nelson, brother and heir to the late Lord Viscount Nelson, who, after a series of transcendent and heroic services, fell gloriously on the 21st of October last, in the moment of brilliant and decisive victory, the dignity of a Viscount and Earl of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, by the names, titles, and titles of Viscount Merton and Earl Nelson, of Trafalgar, and of Merton, in the county of Surrey, the same to descend to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and in default thereof, to the heirs male successively of Susanne, wife of Thomas Bolton, Esq. and Catherine, wife of George Matcham, Esq. sisters of the late Lord Viscount Nelson:—His Majesty has also been pleased to grant the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to Cuthbert Collingwood, Esq. Vice-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of his Majesty's fleet, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, title, and title of Baron Collingwood, of Caldburne and Hethpoole, in the county of Northumberland.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

Whereas our Parliament stands prorogued to Thursday the twenty-eighth day of this instant November, We, with the advice of our Privy Council, do hereby publish and declare, That the said Parliament shall be further prorogued on the said twenty-eighth day of this instant November to Tuesday the seventh day of January next: And we have given order to our Chancellor of that part of our United Kingdom called Great Britain, to prepare a commission for proroguing the same accordingly: And we do further hereby, with the advice aforesaid, declare our royal will and pleasure, that the said Parliament shall, on the said 7th day of January next, be held, and sit for the dispatch of diverse urgent and important affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their attendance accordingly at Westminster on the said 7th day of January next.

Given at our Court at the Queen's Palace, the seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and five, and in the forty-sixth year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION,
FOR A PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into our most serious consideration the indispensable duty which we owe to Almighty God, for the recent and signal interposition of his Providence, in addition to the manifold and inestimable benefits which these Kingdoms have from time to time received at his hands, manifested by the blessing bestowed on our arms in the late signal and important victory obtained by our fleet; under the command of the late Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, over the combined fleets of France and Spain, have thought fit, by the advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, that a public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for these His Mercies, be observed throughout that part of our Kingdom called Scotland, upon Thursday the Fifth Day of December next:—And we do strictly charge and command, that the said public thanksgiving be reverently and decently observed by all our loving subjects in Scotland, on the said 5th day of December next, as they ten-