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ADMIRALTY OFFICE—July 5.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral the Right Hon. Lord COLLINGWOOD, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Mediterranean, to Wm. MARSDEN, Esq. dated on board the Ocean, off Cadiz, the 29th of May 1806.

SIR,

I inclose to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a letter which I have this day received from Captain Prowse, detailing the proceedings of his Majesty's ship the Sirius, in an encounter he had with a very formidable flotilla of the enemy off the Tiber, in which the Commander of it was captured. The exertion and zeal of Captain Prowse has on every occasion been distinguished, and highly honourable to himself; on this he has performed an important service, in disabling so formidable a flotilla of the enemy.

I also inclose a list of the enemy's vessels, and of the killed and wounded on board the Sirius.

I am, &c. COLLINGWOOD.

His Majesty's ship Sirius, Malta
27th April 1806.

MY LORD,

Being six or seven leagues to the eastward of Civita Vecchia, on the 17th inst. at two P. M. I gained intelligence that a French force was to have sailed that morning from thence, and were to proceed to Naples. I crowded a press of sail in the same direction; and, at a quarter past four, they were seen from the mast-head near shore. On closing with them just after sun-set, I had the satisfaction of seeing one ship, three brigs (corvettes), and five heavy gun-vessels, a list of which is annexed, formed in compact order of battle, within two leagues of the mouth of the Tiber, and near a dangerous shoal, lying to, with resolution to await our attack. At seven, within pistol-shot, commenced firing with vigour from both sides, and continued closely engaged with the squadron for 2 hours, when the Commodore, in the

ship, hailed "he had surrendered." His gallant and determined resistance, together with the dangers of the shore, and the crippled condition of his Majesty's ship, (the smoothness of the water admitting the enemy to use their guns with the greatest effect,) prevented me from pursuing the remainder of the flotilla, although several were much disabled, and compelled, a short time before the ship struck, to cease firing; and make off. Had it been daylight I have no doubt from the firm and gallant conduct evinced by the officers and ship's company, that we should have succeeded in capturing more of the enemy's vessels. I have deeply to lament the loss of my nephew, the only officer, and eight seamen and marines, killed in the above contest, and three officers and seventeen seamen and marines wounded, nine of whom are in a very dangerous state. The ship captured is called La Bergere; mounts eighteen long twelve-pounders, manned with one hundred and eighty-nine men, and was commanded by Chaney Duolvis, Capitaine of a frigate, and Commodore of the flotilla; and belonging to the Legion of Honour. She is a remarkably fine vessel, sails well, and is fit for his Majesty's service.

I beg particularly to recommend to your Lordship's notice Lieutenant William Hepenstall, who was the senior Lieutenant in the actions of the 22d July and 21st October, and who has been in the ship nearly five years, as an officer deserving promotion. The gallantry and good conduct of the other officers and ship's company likewise deserves my warmest acknowledgments.

I inclose lists of the killed and wounded; and have the honour to be, &c. W. PROWSE.

The Right Honourable Lord Collingwood,
Commander in Chief.

List of the enemy's force opposed against his Majesty's ship Sirius.

Ship La Bergere, of 13 12-pounders, 1 30-pounder carronade, and 189 men.

Brig L'Abeille, of 18 9-pounders, 2 36-pounder carronades, and 160 men.
Brig La Legere, of 12 9-pounders.
Brig Le Janus, of 12 9-pounders.
Bombard La Victoire, of 12 18-pounder carronades and 2 68-pounder carronades.
Cutter La Gauloise, of 4 4-pounders and 1 36-pounder carronade.
Gun-ketch La Jalouse, of 4 4-pounders and 1 36-pounder carronade.
Gun-ketch La Gentile, of 4 4-pounders and 1 36-pounder carronade.
Gun-ketch La Provencale, of 4 4-pounders and 1 36-pounder carronade.

List of killed on board the Sirius.

Mr William Adair, master's mate.
Richard Berry, able.
George Wyatt, quarter-gunner.
Edward Mooney, ordinary.
Neil M'Cormack, able.
Joseph Bray, armourer.
Edward Nott, private marine.
John Reed, ditto.
Charles-Bonmell, ditto.

List of Wounded on board the Sirius.

Mr James Brett, acting master, slightly.
Mr Meyricke Lloyd, midshipman, badly.
Mr John Robinson, master's mate, ditto.
James Bartlett, carpenter's crew, ditto.
Thomas Herbert, ordinary, ditto.
William Thomas, landman, badly.
John Horrell, ordinary, ditto.
John Drennon, landman, ditto.
Richard Johnson, able, slightly.
Edward Clark, quarter-master, since dead.
John Shea, able, slightly.
John Cornish, able, ditto.
John Dunn, purser's steward, ditto.
William Phipps, ordinary, ditto.
Charles Jackson, able, ditto.
Thomas Burgels, private marine, ditto.
Peter Scott, private marine, slightly.
Joel Franklin, private marine, badly.
John M'Dermott, private marine, slightly.
Thomas Chidlow, private marine, ditto.

W. PROWSE.

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