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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Sept. 2.

Captain WALLER, of his Majesty's ship Emerald, arrived here yesterday with dispatches from Admiral Lord ST VINCENT, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. Secretary of the Admiralty, of which the following are extracts.

SIR,

Ville de Paris, off Cadiz,
August 16.

I Desire you will acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I detached Rear-Admiral Nelson, and the Squadron named in the margin*, with orders to make an attempt upon the town of Santa Cruz in the island of Teneriffe, which, from a variety of intelligence, I conceived was vulnerable. On Saturday the 15th of July, the Rear-Admiral parted company, and on Tuesday the 18th, the Leander having joined from Lisbon, I sent her after the Rear-Admiral, under instructions left by him:

The Emerald joined yesterday, with the inclosed dispatch and reports from the Rear-Admiral; and although the enterprize has not succeeded, his Majesty's arms have acquired a very great degree of lustre: Nothing from my pen can add to the eulge the Rear-Admiral gives of the gallantry of the officers and men employed under him. I have greatly to lament the heavy loss the country has sustained in the severe wound of Rear-Admiral Nelson, and the death of Captain Richard Bowen, Lieut. Gibson, and the other brave officers and men who fell in this vigorous and persevering assault.

The moment the Rear-Admiral joins, it is my intention to send the Seahorse to England with him, the wound Captain Fremantle has received in his arm also requiring change of climate; and I hope that both of

them will live to render important services to their King and country. I am, &c. ST VINCENT.

Thefeus, off Santa Cruz,
July 27.

SIR,

In obedience to your orders to make a vigorous attack on the town of Santa Cruz in the island of Teneriffe, I directed, from the ships under my command, one thousand men, including marines, to be prepared for landing, under the direction of Captain Troubridge, of his Majesty's ship Culloden, and Captains Hood, Thompson, Fremantle, Bowen, Miller, and Waller, who very handsomely volunteered their services; and although I am under the painful necessity of acquainting you that we have not been able to succeed in our attack, yet it is my duty to state, that I believe more daring intrepidity never was shewn than by the Captains, officers, and men you did me the honour to place under my command.

Inclosed I transmit to you a list of killed and wounded; and amongst the former, it is with the deepest sorrow I have to place the name of Captain Richard Bowen, of his Majesty's ship Terpsichore, than whom a more enterprising, able, and gallant officer does not grace his Majesty's naval service; and with great regret I have to mention the loss of Lieut. John Gibson, commander of the Fox cutter, and a great number of gallant officers and men.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HORATIO NELSON.

Sir John Jervis, K.B. &c.

List of Killed, Wounded, Drowned, and Missing, of his Majesty's ships undermentioned, in storming Santa Cruz, in the Island of Teneriffe, on the night of the 24th of July 1797.

Thefeus—8 seamen, 4 marines, killed; 25 seamen wounded; 34 seamen and marines drowned.

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