

them, but we have taken possession of eight or nine; more of them had struck, but taking advantage of the night, and being so near their own coast, they succeeded in getting off, and some of them were seen going into the Texel the next morning.

It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction I make known to their Lordships the very gallant behaviour of Vice-Admiral Onflow, the Captains, Officers, seamen and marines of the Squadron, who all appeared actuated with the truly British spirit, at least those I had an opportunity of seeing.

One of the enemy's ships caught fire in the action, and drove very near the Venerable; but I have the pleasure to say it was extinguished, and she is one of the ships in our possession. The Squadron has suffered much in their masts, yards, and rigging, and many of them have lost a number of men; however, in no proportion to that of the enemy. The carnage on board the two ships that bore the Admirals flags has been beyond all description; they have had no less than two hundred and fifty men killed and wounded on board of each ship; and here I have to lament the loss of Captain Burgess, of his Majesty's ship the Ardent, who brought that ship into action in the most gallant and masterly manner, but was unfortunately killed soon after. However, the ship continued the action close, until quite disabled. The public have lost a good and gallant officer in Captain Burgess, and I, with others, a sincere friend.

Captain Trollope's exertions and active good conduct in keeping sight of the enemy's fleet until I came up, have been truly meritorious, and, I trust, will meet a just reward.

I send this by Captain Fairfax, by whose able advice I profited much during the action, and who will give their Lordships any further particulars they may wish to know.

As most of the ships of the Squadron are much disabled, and several of the prizes dismasted, I shall make the best of my way with them to the Nore.

I herewith transmit you a list of the killed and wounded on board such of the Squadron as I have been able to collect; a list of the enemy's fleet opposed to my Squadron, and my line of battle on the day of action.

I am Sir,  
Your most obedient humble servant,  
ADAM DUNCAN.

A list of killed and wounded on board the ships of Admiral Duncan's Squadron in an action with the Dutch on the 11th of October, 1797.

- Venerable—13 seamen, 2 marines, killed; 6 officers, 52 seamen, 4 marines, wounded—Total 77.
- Monarch—2 officers, 34 seamen, killed; 9 officers, 79 seamen, 12 marines, wounded—Total 136.
- Bedford—2 Midshipman, 26 seamen, 2 marines, killed—1 Lieutenant, 37 seamen, 3 marines, wounded—Total 71.
- Powerful—8 Seamen, 2 marines, killed—4 Officers, 74 seamen & marines, wounded—Total 88.
- Ifis—1 Seaman, 1 marine, killed—3 Officers, 18 seamen, wounded—Total 23.
- Ardent—2 Officers, 33 seamen, 6 marines, killed; 8 Officers, 85 seamen, 11 marines, 3 boys, wounded—Total 148.
- Agincourt—None killed or wounded.
- Belliqueux—2 Officers, 20 seamen; 3 marines, killed; 5 Officers, 63 seamen, 12 marines, wounded—Total 103.
- Lancaster—3 Seamen killed; 2 Officers, 73 seamen, 3 marines, wounded—Total 21.
- Triumph—25 Seamen, 3 marines, 1 boy, killed; 5 Officers, 59 seamen and marines, wounded—Total 84.

OFFICERS KILLED.

- Monarch—Mr J. P. Tindall and Mr Moyle Finlay, Midshipmen.
- Ardent—Captain Burgess, Mr Michael Dunn, Master.
- Belliqueux—Lieut. Robert Webster, Mr James Milne, Master's Mate.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

- Venerable—Lieutenants Clay & Douglas, Lieut. Chamber of the marines, Mr Stewart, Midshipman, Mr Brown, pilot.
- Monarch—Lieut. Retalick, Lieut. Smith of the marines
- Mr George Massie, Mr Benjamin Clement, Mr Daniel Sherwin, Mr Charles Slade, Midshipmen, Mr John Chimley, Master's Mate.
- Bedford—Lieutenant Keenor.
- Powerful—Lieutenant Jennings, Mr Mel. Jones, Boat-swain, Mr Daniel Rogers, Midshipman, Lieutenant Walker of the Marines.
- Ifis—Lieutenant Charles Rea of the Marines, Mr Simon Frazer and Mr John Walker, Midshipmen.
- Ardent—Lieutenant James Rose, Lieutenant John Sobriell, Captain Cuthbert of Marines, Mr John Tracy, Master's Mate, Mr John Airey, Master's Mate, Mr Thomas Leopard, Midshipman, Mr John Taylor, Captain's Clerk, slightly, Mr George Killiar, Midshipman, slightly.
- Belliqueux—Lieutenant Robert England, slightly, Captain James Caffel of Marines, slightly, Mr James Scott, Midshipman.
- Lancaster—Lieutenant Morgan; Lieutenant Sandys of the Marines.
- Triumph—Captain Effington, slightly in the arm; Mr Chapman, First Lieutenant, slightly in the head; Mr Trollope, Third Lieutenant, slightly in the foot; Mr Read, master, slightly bruised; Mr Jones, Midshipman, slightly in the face.

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LIST AND DISPOSITION OF THE DUTCH FLEET ON THE 11TH OCTOBER, 1797.

- VAN.
- Vice-Admiral Reyntjes, Commander.
  - Cerberus, Captain Jacobson, 68 guns, 450 men.
  - Delft—Captain Verdoorn, 56 guns, 375 men—taken.
  - Jupiter—Vice Admiral Reyntjes and Rear Admiral Meufes, 74 guns, 550 men—taken.
  - Alkmaar—Captain Kraft, 56 guns, 350 men—taken.
  - Haerlem, Captain Wiggerts, 68 guns, 450 men—taken.
  - Munnikkendam, Captain Lancaster, 44 guns, 270 men—taken.
  - Heldin, Captain Dumifnilde L'Estrille, 32 guns, 230 men.
  - Daphne brig, Lieutenant Fredericks, 18 guns, 98 men.

CENTER.

- Admiral De Winter, Commander in Chief.
- Waffenaer, Captain Holland, 64 guns, 450 men—taken.
- Batavier, Captain Souters, 56 guns, 350 men.
- Vryheid, (the Liberty) Admiral De Winter Van Rossem, 74 guns, 550 men—taken.
- States General, Rear Admiral Story, 74 guns, 550 men.
- Leyden, Captain Mufquetier, 68 guns, 450 men.
- Mars, Captain Koff, 44 guns, 400 men.
- Waakzaamheid, Captain-Lieutenant Nicrop, 24 guns, 150 men.
- Minerva, Captain Eilbracht, 24 guns, 150 men.
- Galatea brig, Lieutenant Rivery, 18 guns, 98 men.
- Atalanta brig, Lieutenant Plets, 18 guns, 98 men.

REAR.

- Rear-Admiral Bloys, Commander.
- Admiral Devries, Captain Zegers, 68 guns, 450 men—taken.
- Hercules, Capt. Van Ryfoort, 64 guns, 450 men—taken.
- Brutus, Rear-Admiral Bloys, 74 guns, 550 men.
- Befchermer, Captain Hinxtt, 56 guns, 350 men.
- Gelykheid, (the Equality) Captain Ruyfen, 68 guns, 450 men—taken.
- Ambuscade, Captain-Lieutenant Huys, 32 guns, 270 men—taken.
- Ajax brig, Lieutenant Arkenbout, 18 guns, 98 men.
- Haasje, (Aviso) Lieutenant Hartenfeld, 6 guns, 35 men.

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N. B. Another line of battle ship, reported to be taken name unknown.

Disposition of the Squadron, in the order of battle, on the 11th of October, 1797.

LARBOARD, or LEE DIVISION.

- Richard Onflow, Esq. Vice-Admiral of the Red, Commander.
- 1. Ruffel, Henry Trollope, Captain, 74 guns, 590 men.
- 2. Director, William Bligh, Captain, 64 guns, 491 men.
- 3. Montagu, John Knight, Captain, 74 guns, 590 men.