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DOWNING STREET, April 28.

By dispatches received from Lord Elgin, dated Constantinople, March 31. it appears that his Lordship had received letters from Lord Keith, stating that the army under the command of Sir Ralph Abercromby effected a landing on the 8th instant, on the peninsula of Aboukir, under a very heavy fire from cannons, mortars, and musketry, the enemy having withdrawn the whole garrison from Alexandria, and many detachments from the vicinity, to oppose them; that after making the necessary preparations on the 9th, 10th, and 11th, the army advanced on the 12th to within five miles of Alexandria; they there took a position with their right towards the sea, and their left supported by the Lake Maadie, where Sir Sidney Smith, who was posted there with his command of boats, was keeping up a communication with the natives, and supplying the army with fresh provisions and water; that on the 13th, at seven in the morning, the enemy made an attack, and were repulsed with loss about eleven; in the mean time the marines had been disembarked, and attacked by land the Cattle of Aboukir, the only post in that peninsula occupied by the enemy; that on the 14th, at sun-set, when the vessel which brought this intelligence was under weigh, the troops on shore and the gun-vessels were throwing shot and shells into Aboukir, and at the same moment a firing was heard towards Alexandria, which appeared from the Foudroyant to be a general attack.

[Price 6d.]

The Grand Vizier had marched forward from Jaffa, on the 25th February, having, according to Major Holloway's letters to Lord Elgin, received a considerable reinforcement.

[Here follows a list of 113 vessels, of different nations, captured on the Mediterranean station, by the Squadron under the command of Vice-Admiral Lord Keith, since last return, exclusive of armed vessels already reported.]

Copy of a letter from Admiral MILBANKE, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Portsmouth, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated the 24th inst.

SIR,

I beg you will please to lay before their Lordships the two letters inclosed, which I have received from Lieutenant Talbot, of the Sheerneys hired cutter, and Lieutenant Morris, of the Lady Charlotte hired brig, giving me an account of their success in capturing a French lugger privateer, and in recapturing five vessels which she had taken. I am, &c.

M. MILBANKE.

His Majesty's hired armed cutter Sheerneys, at sea, 21st April 1801.

SIR,

I have to inform you, that I weighed from Weymouth Roads at five A. M. yesterday on seeing the signal for an enemy on Portland, in company with his Majesty's armed brig Lady Charlotte; saw the lugger privateer Le Prefect de la Manche, Captain Le Froment, mounting sixteen two-pounders, manned with forty-nine men, to the westward, and her prize to the southward; as it was nearly calm I judged I should not come up with her; went in chace of her prize; sent the mate in the gig, who, at seven P. M. boarded her near Alderney. She proves the Soker schooner of Colchester, in ballast. This morning, at half-past ten, I discovered the lugger and four sail to the westward; Lieutenant Morris, of the Lady Charlotte, used every

exertion, and was successful in recapturing the m. At half-past two I hailed the lugger, and, as he would not bring to, fired several shot at him, when, after carrying away several of her sails, she struck without firing at us. Lieut. Morris will inform you of the particulars of his recaptures. I am concerned to have to state one Englishman was killed, and one wounded in the cabin of the lugger. The good conduct of Mr James Bellard, mate, I beg leave to point out, who has on all occasions conducted himself to my satisfaction. I shall, on my arrival at Plymouth, to which port, the wind being easterly, I judged it prudent to put into, use every exertion to put to sea, and follow the orders you have given me. I am, &c.

J. H. TALBOT.

Mark Milbanke, Esq. Admiral of the White, &c.

His Majesty's hired brig Lady Charlotte, Plymouth Sound, April 22. 1801.

SIR,

I beg leave to inform you, that on the 20th inst. at six A. M. I weighed from Portland Roads (the Sheerneys cutter in company), on the signal being made for an enemy on the coast: I stood to the southward with the above cutter, having information of a schooner in that quarter, which a privateer had captured that morning. At six P. M. on the 21st she was recaptured by the boat of the Sheerneys: On the 22d, at two P. M. being then between Portland and the Berry Head, I observed a lugger to windward, to which the Sheerneys gave chase, and, I am happy to say, captured after a running fight of half an hour. From my situation, being little wind, I was unable to assist the cutter in her capture; I therefore sent my boats in chace, to the westward, of three brigs and a sloop, which they recaptured. They had been captured in the morning, by the lugger which the Sheerneys took; but from the

