

been informed, with the Send of the Sea struck; but the Bottom being Mud and soft to a considerable Depth, they received no Damage. On the 4th in the Morning the General opened the Battery, which was so well managed and seconded by the Ships before the Town, that in four Hours the Defences were taken off, and the next Day in the Evening the Breach was made practicable.

On the 6th, at Day-light in the Morning, the General's Regiment, with the Sea Battalion, mounted the Breach, made the Attack, and soon got Possession of all the Bastions, which completed the Conquest. I immediately went on Shore, and, with the General, had a Meeting with the Spanish Governor, and some of his principal Officers, when a Capitulation was agreed on, that the Town and Port of Cavite, with the Islands and Forts dependant on Manila, should be given up to His Britannick Majesty, and that they should pay Four Millions of Dollars for the Preservation of the Town and their Effects, (a Copy of which Capitulation I have enclosed.)

On the 10th, I sent Captain Kempensfelt in the Norfolk, with the Seaford and Seahorse, to take Possession of Cavite, agreeable to the Capitulation; by this Acquisition we are in Possession of a very large Quantity of Naval Stores; and beside the Advantage of almost every Convenience for refitting a Squadron, the People are supplied with fresh Meat and Vegetables in great Plenty.

The Siege, though short, was attended with many Difficulties, and great Fatigue, in which both the Officers and Men exerted themselves with the utmost Cheerfulness. We had constantly fresh Gales, a Lee Shore, and consequently a high Surf to contend with, which made it always difficult, frequently hazardous, and sometimes impossible to land with Boats. The Rains fell very heavy, and our little Army were surrounded and harassed by numerous Bodies of Indians, who, though undisciplined and armed only with Lances, Bows and Arrows, yet by a daring Resolution and Contempt of Death, they became not only troublesome but formidable. I have the Satisfaction of acquainting their Lordships, that throughout the whole Expedition, the most perfect Harmony and Unanimity has subsisted between His Majesty's Land and Sea Forces.

You will receive with this an Account of the Number of Officers and Men, both Seamen and Marines, that were landed from the Squadron, as likewise of the killed and wounded in each Corps. It is with Concern I acquaint their Lordships with the Loss of Commodore Tiddeman, who in attempting to enter the River in his Barge the Morning after the Reduction of Manila, was drowned with five of his People, by which unhappy Accident, His Majesty has lost a brave and experienced Officer.

Captain Kempensfelt, by whom I send this (and will present to you for their Lordships a Plan of the Town of Manila, and the Port of Cavite) has been of the greatest Assistance to me during the Course of this Enterprise; he is very capable of furnishing their Lordships with many Particulars necessary for their Information; and his great Merit makes it my Duty to recommend him as a very able good Officer.

I am, &c.

S. Cornish.

Copy of a Letter from Vice Admiral Cornish, to Mr. Cleveland, dated in the Bay of Manila, the 10th of November. 1762.

IN my Letter of the 31st of October, I acquainted you of my having sent Captain Parker with the Panther and Argo, in quest of the Galleon Saint Phillipina, from Acapulco bound to Manila.

The 7th Instant, Captain King in the Argo returned with a Letter from Captain Parker, acquainting me, that in Consequence of my Orders, having the 30th of October, got the Length of the Island Capul, near the Entrance into the Embocadero, in Pursuit of the Saint Phillipina, where the Argo had come to an Anchor (and which he intended to do for that Night) just as the Day closed saw a Sail, and stand to the Northward; at Eight in the Evening he got Sight of the Chace, about two Leagues to Leeward, but unluckily by the Rapidity of a Counter Current, to what the Chace was in, was drove among the Narango's in the utmost Danger of being lost, and obliged to Anchor; the Frigate having escaped the Danger, got up with the Chace, and engaged her near two Hours; but was so roughly handled, that Captain King was obliged to bring too to repair his Damages. By this Time the Current slackened, which enabled Captain Parker to get under Sail with the Chace in Sight: About Nine the next Morning he came up with her, and after battering her two Hours within half Musket Shot she struck. The Enemy made but little Resistance, trusting to the Immense Thickness of the Sides of their Ship, which the Panther's Shot was not able to penetrate, excepting her upper Works. Captain Parker was no less disappointed than surpris'd, when the General came on Board to find that instead of the Saint Phillipina, he had engaged and taken the Santissimo Trinidad, who departed from Manila the first of August for Acapulco, and had got three Hundred Leagues to the Eastward of the Embocadero; but meeting with a hard Gale of Wind, was dismasted, and put back to refit. She had eight Hundred Men on Board, and pierced for Sixty Guns, but when Captain King engaged her, had only six mounted, and but thirteen when taken: She draws thirty three Feet Water, and is a much larger Ship than the Panther. I cannot ascertain the Value of her Cargo, but there is to the amount of One Million and a half of Dollars registered, and she is reputed to be worth Three Millions.

Captain King left the Panther with her Prize at an Anchor about three Leagues South of the Corrigedow, at the Mouth of this Bay; and as I have sent a Re-inforcement of Men with Launches and Warps, I hope very soon to have them in Safety.

I am, &c.

S. Cornish.

An Account of the Number of Seamen and Marines landed from His Majesty's Squadron under the Command of Rear Admiral Cornish; as also of the Number killed and wounded during the Attack of Manila.

Norfolk, Rear Admiral Cornish, Capt. Richard Kempensfelt. 2 Commissioned Officers, 12 Petty ditto, 96 Seamen, landed. 2 Seaman killed. 1 ditto wounded. Marines. 2 Commissioned Officers, 9 Non-Commissioned ditto, 34 Private, landed. 1 Private killed.

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