

vice was executed with great Alacrity, and a spirited Fire again opened on the Enemy's Posts.

Although a close and powerful Cannonade had been kept up by the Squadron till a Quarter before Eight, no visible Impression was made; and Captain Sutton having reported the Ardent was much damaged, and that, in his Opinion, there was no Prospect of Success; and Captain Woodley (who had been on board the Courageux, to enquire into the State of that Ship) having brought a similar Report from Captain Mathews, who, as well as Captain Wolfeley and himself, agreed in the above Opinion, I judged it adviseable to make the Signal for discontinuing the Attack.

The Alcide is not materially damaged in her Masts or Rigging, but the Ardent and Courageux have suffered considerably in both, from being exposed to the raking Fire of the Town of Florence, though every Information had assured me the Distance from that Place was too great for Guns to have any Effect.

Our Failure is not only to be imputed to the false Intelligence respecting the Range of Cannon from the Town of Florence, but to the Want of Ardor on the Part of the Corsicans, who had faithfully promised to storm the Posts on the Land Side, though they never made the smallest Movement to effect that Service during the Action. I inclose a List of the Killed and Wounded, and of the Artillery opposed to the Squadron; and am happy in testifying my warmest Approbation of the gallant Manner in which every Officer and Man employed on this Occasion conducted himself. I am sorry to find Mr. Sheills, First Lieutenant of the Courageux, is amongst the Number killed, and have appointed Mr. Peter Hunt, a very deserving young Man, to act as Junior Lieutenant of that Ship, till your Lordship's Pleasure is known.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

ROB. LINZEE.

*A List of the Killed and Wounded on board the different Ships of the Squadron under my Command.*

Ardent. Mr. John Martin, Midshipman, 13 Seamen, killed; 17 Seamen wounded.

Alcide. 9 Seamen wounded.

Courageux. Mr. Ludlow Sheills, First Lieutenant, 1 Seaman, killed; Mr. William Henry Daniel, Second Lieutenant, 12 Seamen, wounded.

Alcide, Oct. 1, 1793, ROB. LINZEE.

*List of Artillery employed in the different Posts acting against the Squadron.*

In the Redoubt of Fornili. 4 Twenty-four Pounders, 2 Mortars.

On the Tower of Fornili. 2 Eight Pounders.

On a Height near Ditto. 1 Four Pounder.

At the Town of Florence (said to be out of Range.) 9 Twenty-four Pounders, 4 Mortars.

Alcide, Oct. 1, 1793.

Lord Hood.

*Victory, Toulon Road, October 13, 1793.*

S I R,

I Have the Honor to desire you will acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that a very successful Sortie was made in the Night of the 9th, and herewith transmit Captain Brereton's Account of it to Lord Mulgrave. But the Enemy has since erected another Battery, about Two Hundred Yards to the Southward of the one destroyed, from which they have fired heavy Cannon and Shells all

Yesterday, and are now doing so, but as yet have done us very little Mischief.

I have the Honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

H O O D.

*Philip Stephens, Esq;*

*Fort Mulgrave, Hauteur de Gras  
October 9, 1793.*

MY LORD,

A Greeable to your Lordship's Orders, and Arrangements made for carrying them into Execution Yesterday Morning, at Half past Twelve o'Clock at Night we moved from this Post; and, having formed a junction in the Bottom with the Marines and Piemontese from the Post of Ceper, we marched off from our Right in One Column, in order to insure the greater Regularity in a Night Attack: Our March to the Top of the Height, where the new erected Batteries of the Enemy had been constructed, was performed with all possible Order and Expedition, the Troops observing the greatest Silence, by which, with the Aid of the French Deserter, who answered the Centinels of the Enemy as we passed them, our advanced Party arrived at the Entrance into their First Battery, perfectly undiscovered: The first Centry having been put to Death, the advanced Party, composed of the Grenadiers and Light Infantry of the Line of British, under the Command of Captain Stewart of the 25th Regiment, very gallantly rushed in, and put every Man to the Bayonet that opposed them.

The Remainder of the Enemy that could get off retired to their Second Battery, and, though most rapidly pursued, made a Sort of Stand; but the greater Part of the Detachment by this Time having taken different Positions of Attack, the Enemy were soon routed in all Quarters, and, in a Quarter of an Hour after, we made ourselves Masters of all their Batteries on this Height, and the Ordnance mounted thereon. In the First Battery they had mounted Two Twenty-four Pounders on Garrison Carriages; on the Second Battery they had One fine Brass Twenty-four Pounder, mounted on a high Travelling Carriage, and Two smaller Guns; and in a Third Battery was mounted Two Thirteen Inch Mortars, with a great deal of Ammunition, suitable for their different Pieces of Ordnance. On the Road we found One light Travelling Six Pounder. Immediately as the Enemy retired and ceased firing, I posted the Troops round the Center of the Hill, and placed Guards at the leading Avenues to it, while Lieutenant Serocold of the Navy, with the Sailors, &c. under his Directions, set to work in destroying these different Pieces of Ordnance, by spiking the Touch-Holes of the Guns and Mortars, and ramming Balls into the Guns, breaking up their Carriages, and destroying their Ammunition. Had it been possible to have carried off any Part of the above Guns, &c. it should have been done; but, from the Precipices we were necessarily obliged to descend, and the broken narrow Paths we had Occasion to pass, in order to avoid exposing ourselves by Day-Light to the Fire of Two heavy Batteries of the Enemy at the Windmill's, I found it was impracticable even to carry off the Field Piece; neither did I think it right to hazard remaining with the Detachment (which did not exceed 408) on the Height where the Batteries were erected, there being no Cover in the Rear, and the Force of the Enemy immediately in our Neighbourhood on Heights above us equal to