

High Water, to endeavour to cut out a Schoot or Two, from under the Protection of the Schooner on the Main, they could only get at Two, One of them was burnt, the other brought away, although the Schooner kept up a well-directed Fire: I directly had her fitted with Two Twelve Pound Carronades, called her the Undaunted, and gave Command of her to Lieutenant Humphreys, of the Juno: at Three o'Clock Yesterday Afternoon, I ordered the Vessels to move on to the Attack, viz.

The *Crash*, Lieutenant Slade and Mr. Moody, Master of the Juno, Twelve Carronades.

Undaunted, Lieutenant Humphreys, Two Twelve Pound Carronades, with Lieutenant M'Donald, of the Marines.

Latona's Launch, Lieutenant Campbell, One Twelve Pound Carronade.

Pylades's Launch, Lieutenant Cowan, One Twelve Pound Carronade.

Pylades's Cutter, Mr. Ryan, acting Lieutenant, and all the other small Boats, some with Swivels, others only small Arms. The Courier Cutter was intended to cover them, but unfortunately grounded, and it was with great Exertion she was saved; they went on 'till they grounded within Half Pittol-Shot of the Shore, under a heavy Fire from the Schooner and Battery, and latterly small Arms, but when they got a little placed, their Fire soon drove the Enemy from their Batteries, and the People of the Schooner finding Lieutenants Humphreys and Campbell going to board her, all run on Shore; having set Fire to her, which was found impossible to be extinguished, she was therefore burnt.

I am unable, as no Person was taken belonging to her, to state her Loss of Men, but it must have been considerable. While that was doing, Lieutenant Cowan landed and spiked the Guns on the Enemy's Battery, and, with getting more Assistance from all that could land, brought off Two Brass Field Pieces, and spiked another Twelve-Pounder. The Row-Boat and Twelve Schoots are taken. I have given Orders for all the Vessels to collect round this Ship: I am much obliged to Mr. Hatfull, Purser of the *Latona*, who, with Mr. Cowan, Surgeon of this Ship, and Mr. Smith, Surgeon of *L'Espiegle*, with several others, were Volunteers on this Business.

I could not indulge every one who requested to go, in particular Mr. Rhode, Purser of this Ship, as almost all the other Officers were gone, and it was absolutely necessary to have some Persons on board I could depend upon for a Reason I will hereafter explain to you.

What is most extraordinary, we have not lost One Man killed or wounded: a great Deal of Merit is due to Lieutenant Slade, who commanded the Whole; and in short to every Officer and Man employed.

It would afford me great Pleasure if I could without a Breach of Delicacy, when mentioning an Officer of equal Rank, inform you of the Abilities of Captain Boorder, and the Assistance I have received from him.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

A. MACKENZIE.

*Frank Sotheron, Esq; Captain of
His Majesty's Ship Latona.*

*Latona, at Anchor off the Buoys at the
Entrance between Schiermonikoog and
Ameland, August 14, 1799.*

I Informed your Lordship we meditated an Attack on the Enemy with the Ships you were pleased to place under my Orders, whenever we found an Opportunity. I have to transmit Two Letters I have received from Captain Mackenzie. It is impossible for me to express by Words the high Sense I have of his, Captain Boorder's, and Lieutenant Searle's Conduct. I mention their Names as being Commanders of Ships who had the Honor to be acting on this Occasion. The more this Attack is enquired into, the more I am convinced it will redound to the Credit of His Majesty's Arms. Captain Mackenzie will deliver this Packet, than whom a more deserving gallant Officer does not exist; and he has now requested me to make particular Mention of his Brother Officer Captain Boorder, to whom he attributes great Part of his Success. I am happy to say he makes most honourable Mention of my Friend and First Lieutenant, Mr. Slade, who is upon all Occasions a truly deserving and active Officer. The Juno and *Latona* not being able to act, I may without Vanity say, as we were only Spectators, it has been as gallant an Achievement as has ever been remembered.

F. SOTHERON.

*Right Honorable Lord Viscount
Duncan, &c. &c. &c.*

Extract of the Vienna Gazette of the 10th August, 1799.

ACCOUNTS of the 31st July have been received from His Royal Highness the Archduke Charles, which state, that on the 29th the Enemy attacked the Chain of Posts entrusted to the Care of General Kienmager, near Brinder Zell and Wehr, with a Body of Four Thousand Men; but without Success.

On the same Day the Garrison of Old Brisac made an Attack upon our Out-Posts in that Neighbourhood, for the Purpose of carrying away the Grain that had been cut the Night before at Gingslingen, Upper and Lower Rinsingen, Irringen, Achbaan, and Rothweil; but the Enemy was driven back with Loss by General Ginlay, who had the whole Harvest removed behind this Line of Out-Posts.

Our Loss in the Two Affairs is trifling.

*Extract of the Vienna Extraordinary Gazette of the
11th August, 1799.*

THE State of the Magazines that the French had collected at Mantua was not completely ascertained at the Departure of Baron Kray (the General's Son), but all Accounts concur in representing them as very considerable.

The Garrison of Mantua consisted of Six Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-two French, Six Hundred and One Cisalpines, and Four Hundred and Sixty Seven Swifs, and of about One Thousand Galicians, partly Deserters and partly Prisoners, whom the French had persuaded to serve in their Army. These latter have been sent back to their respective Regiments. And the Swifs and Cisalpine Commanders have declared their Determination not