

I trust it will be found that every Exertion was made to bring a Ship of so superior Force into Action, and in maintaining of it. La Ville de Milan is nearly double our Size and Force, being a new Ship of about Twelve Hundred Tons Burthen, and having almost twice our Number of Men on board, as we only mustered at Quarters One Hundred and Ninety-nine, being Ten short of Complement, and that from the Strength of the Ship's Company in able Seamen, and there were several in the sick List.

From Lieutenant Balfour I received every Assistance, as from a good and zealous Officer, as also from Lieutenants Kinfman and Croke, and Lieutenant Bowen of the Bermuda, who kept up a well-directed Fire from the main Deck, and Mr. Mitchell, Midshipman and Acting Lieutenant, from the Quarter-Deck, at which Lieutenant Appleton of the Marines assisted, having no Men to spare for Small Arms, but was wounded early.

The steady and cool Conduct of Mr. Best (the Master) confirmed what I had always expected from him: to go further in particularizing Individuals would be too tedious; but I think it my Duty to mention Mr. M'Carthy's (the Boatswain) Conduct, who is badly wounded, was highly spirited and active; and more Gallantry and Bravery could not have been displayed than by both Officers and Men of so young a Ship's Company, many being under Twenty Years of Age, and only Three Marines, who had joined that Corps more than Two Weeks before they were embarked.

I have no Hesitation in saying, that had not the above unlucky Accident occurred, she must have struck to us, as the next Morning her Foremast and Bow-sprit were the only Masts standing, much cut in the Hull, and I counted Eleven Shot in the Wreck of her Main-Mast; that our Twelve-Pounders could not do that Justice too from its Size, nor the Thickness of her Sides, that was so well intended.

I beg most earnestly to solicit Sir Andrew Mitchell's Patronage in Favor of Messrs. Howes and Ridgeway, (Master's-Mates,) as Two very meritorious and promising young Men, having considerably more than served their Time, and passed for Lieutenants; their Conduct on this Occasion, as well as for several Years before, with me, has been much to my Satisfaction, and in my humble Opinion, to entitle them to Promotion, as well as for Mr. Balfour the First Lieutenant; as you, Sir, must be the best Judge of the Situation we have reduced the French Ship to, so as to render her Chance of Escape from our numerous Cruizers almost an absolute Impossibility. I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) ROB. LAWRIE:
To Captain John Talbot, His Majesty's
Ship Leander.

A Return of Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Ship Cleopatra, in Action with the French Frigate La Ville de Milan.

Killed.
George Trepafs, Boatswain's Mate.
William Lewis and Mathew Shawe, Quarter-Masters.

James Hammond, Caulker.
William Danney (1st), William Danney (2d),
James Pierce, Joseph Hyams, Richard King,
Henry Fenlayson, Henry Betson, Uriah Hud-

bal, Jeremiah Murphy, John Cargell, William Farley, and — Sabday, Seamen.
John Pearce, a Boy.
Frederick Miller, Serjeant of Marines.
James Ridley and John Smith, Privates of Marines.

Since dead of Wounds.
William Hull, Corporal of Marines.
Edward Witley, Private of Marines.

Dangerously wounded.
Mr. Mitchell, (Midshipman,) Acting Lieutenant.
Mr. Belt, Master.
Mr. M'Carthy, Boatswain.
1 Quarter-Master.
1 Captain's Coxswain.
8 Seamen.
1 Corporal of Marines.
4 Privates of Marines.

Slightly wounded.
Mr. Balfour and Mr. Croke, Lieutenants.
Mr. Bowen, Lieutenant of His Majesty's Ship Bermuda.
Mr. Appleton, Lieutenant of Marines.
Mr. Standly, Midshipman.
1 Boatswain's Mate.
12 Seamen.

Total.—20 killed, 2 since dead of Wounds, 18 dangerously wounded, and 18 slightly wounded.
(Signed) ROB. LAWRIE.

Admiralty-Office; April 23, 1805.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Langford, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Lark, to William Marsden, Esq; dat'd Port Praya, Island of St. Jago, February 8, 1805.

SIR,
I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that in consequence of Information of a Spanish Merchant Schooner being at Anchor off the Bay of Senegal, I proceeded immediately in quest of her, and had the good Fortune to meet with her at that Anchorage. She proves the Spanish Schooner the Carmelara, pierced for Sixteen Guns, having only Two on board, laden with Wine, formerly in Possession of the French, employed as a Privateer by Victor Hughes at Cayenne, has done considerable Mischief to the British Trade on this Coast, was now intended to have been presented by the Governor of Senegal to Victor Hughes as a further Annoyance to our Trade on this Part of the Coast.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

FREDERICK LANGFORD.

OFFICE FOR TAXES, SOMERSET-PLACE. April 23, 1805.

*P*Urvant to an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Notice is hereby given, That the Price of the Three per Centum Consolidated Bank Annuities, sold at the Bank of England on this Day, was £.57 and under £.58 per Centum.
By Order of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes,
Matthew Winter, Secretary.

Public Office, Bow-Street, March 18, 1805.
TWO HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.

*W*HEREAS Thomas Lee, late of No. 42, Fetter-Lane, London, Card-Maker, stands charged upon Oath with FELONY. Whoever will appre-