

we tacked, which we did as soon as we could get the Ships round, and I directed her by Signal, to engage the Van; at half-past Three the Action ceased, the Enemy having fought to admiration, and not surrendering till their Ships were unmanageable. I have returned Thanks to the Captains of the Ships of the Line and the Frigates, and they speak in high Terms of Approbation of their respective Officers and Ships' Companies. If any Thing could add to the good Opinion I had already formed of the Officers and Crew of the *Cæsar*, it is their gallant Conduct in this Day's Battle. The Enemy have suffered much, but our Ships not more than is to be expected on these Occasions. You may judge of my Surprise, Sir, when I found the Ships we had taken, were not the Rochfort Squadron, but from Cadiz.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

R. J. STRACHAN.

*Honorable William Cornwallis, Admiral  
of the White, and Commander in Chief,  
&c. &c. &c.*

FIRST LINE.

STARBOARD TACK.

*British Line.*

*Cæsar*, of 80 Guns.

*Hero*, of 74 Guns.

*Courageux*, of 74 Guns.

*French Line.*

*Duguay Trouin*, of 74 Guns, Captain Toufflet.

*Formidable*, of 80 Guns, Rear-Admiral Dumanoir.

*Mont Blanc*, of 74 Guns, Captain Villegrey.  
*Scipion*, of 74 Guns, Captain Barouger.

SECOND LINE

(When the *Namur* joined).

LARBOARD TACK.

*British Line.*

*Hero*, of 74 Guns, Honorable Captain Gardner.

*Namur*, of 74 Guns, Captain Halked.

*Cæsar*, of 80 Guns, Sir Richard J. Strachan,

*Courageux*, of 74 Guns, Captain Lec.

*French Line.*

*Duguay Trouin*,

*Formidable*.

*Mont Blanc*.

*Scipion*.

N. B. The *Duguay Trouin* and *Scipion* totally dismasted; the *Formidable* and *Mont Blanc* have their Foremasts standing.

Our Frigates—*Santa Margarita*, *Æolus*, *Phoenix*, and *Revolutionaire*.

The *Revolutionaire* joined at the Time the *Namur* did, but, with the rest of our Frigates, in consequence of the French tacking, were to Leeward of the Enemy.

I do not know what is become of the *Bellona*, or the other Two Sail we saw on the Night of the 2d Instant.

The Reports of Damage, Killed, and Wounded, have not been all received. The Enemy have suffered much.

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