

wanded by Monsieur Gallier Labrosse, on the 27th Instant, in Lat. 47 Deg. 17 Min. N. Long. 6 Deg. 52 Min. W.; and, after a Chase of Seventeen Hours, she struck to His Majesty's Squadron under my Command.

The President is one of the Frigates that failed from France with the Regulus, Sybille, and Surveillante Corvette: separated in a Gale of Wind on the 20th of August, in Lat. 22 Deg. 26 Min. N., and Long. 55 Deg. W.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) THO. LOUIS.

Sir Charles Cotton, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, October 4, 1806.

Copy of another Letter from Sir Charles Cotton, Bart. Vice-Admiral of the Red, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship San Josef, off Ushant, 30th September 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to transmit you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter I have just received from Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. informing me of the Capture of Four French Frigates, by the Ships of the Squadron under his Orders; and I am sorry to add, that Sir Samuel Hood has lost his Right Arm.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

CHARLES COTTON.

SIR, Centaur, at Sea, 26th September 1806.

YESTERDAY Morning, about One o'Clock, I had the good Fortune of falling in with a Squadron of the Enemy, standing to the Westward; the Squadron under my Orders being then on the Larboard Tack, stretching in for Chafferon Light-House, Six or Seven Leagues from us, the Revenge to Windward and the Monarch to Leeward, on the look-out, the latter Ship first making the Signal for an Enemy, when I soon discovered Seven Sail to Leeward of me; and considering them, in Part, Line of Battle Ships, the Signal was made to form the Line, and shortly after I observed them bearing up, making all Sail, and running to the S. S. W. The Signal was instantly made for a general Chase, and the Monarch, from her Position and good Sailing, was enabled to keep nearly within Gun-Shot, a Mile and a Half, or little more, a Head of the Centaur, and the Mars on the Starboard-Bow. At Daylight we made them out Five large French Frigates, and Two Corvettes, one of which bearing a Broad Pendant; at Five the Monarch fired a few Chase Shot; and at Six the Weathermost Frigate hauled more to the Westward, in pursuit of which I dispatched the Mars; and One Frigate, with the Two Corvettes, edged away to the South East, the remaining Three Frigates keeping in close Order, indicating the Intention of supporting each other. At a Quarter past Ten the Monarch opened her Starboard Guns on the Enemy, when a heavy cannonading commenced, and by the Enemy's Management of a running Fight, they succeeded, in some Measure, in crippling the Monarch's Sails and Rigging before the Centaur could get up. At Eleven we got within fair Range of Two, and opened our Fire from the Larboard Guns, whilst the Monarch kept engaging the Third Ship, and about Noon one of the Two Frigates struck, as did the one opposed to the Monarch shortly after.

It was just before this I received a severe Wound in my Right Arm, (since amputated, and doing well I hope,) which obliged me to leave the Deck; the Mars previous to this, had succeeded in capturing her Chase, and with her Prize, hauled towards the Centaur, in chase of, and firing at the French Commodore's Ship, and at Three assisted in capturing her. Those Ships of the Enemy made an obstinate Resistance, but the Result was, as may well be supposed, attended with much Slaughter, being crowded with Troops, out of Rochefort the Evening before.

I cannot add too much Praise to Captain Lee, of the Monarch, for his gallant and officer-like Conduct, but I am sorry to find his Loss has been rather severe, the Swell of the Sea preventing, at Times, the opening of the Lower Deck Ports.

To Captain Lukin, of the Mars, I feel thankful, for his steady Conduct and Attention; and I have also to express my Satisfaction at the Endeavours of Captains Boyles, King, Sir John Gore, and Masefield, in getting up with the Enemy, although they could not succeed. The Revenge, from being well to Windward, became considerably a-stern after bearing up.

To Lieutenant Case, First of the Centaur, I have to add my Approbation of his judicious Conduct before and after my leaving the Deck, and I also feel much pleased at the steady Exertions of all my Officers, Seamen, and Marines.

I enclose herewith, a Return of the Killed and Wounded, and I also annex a List of the Enemy's Ships captured, and will make a Return of their Loss as soon as possible.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

SAM. HOOD.

A Return of Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Ships Centaur, Monarch, and Mars, in an Action with a Squadron of the Enemy's Frigates, on the 25th of September 1806.

Centaur—1 Seaman and Two Marines, killed; Captain Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. and 3 Seamen, wounded.

Monarch—1 Petty Officer and 5 Seamen, killed; 1 Lieutenant, 1 Warrant Officer, 4 Petty Officers, and 15 Seamen, wounded; 1 Serjeant, 2 Corporals, and 4 Private Marines, wounded.

Mars—None killed or wounded.

Total—9 killed and 32 wounded.

Names of the Officers killed and wounded.

Centaur—Captain Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. wounded.

Monarch—Mr. Bidden, Midshipman, killed; Lieutenant Anderson, Mr. Duffy, Boatswain, and Mr. Geary, Midshipman, wounded.

(Signed) SAM. HOOD.

A List of the Enemy's Ships captured by the Squadron under the Orders of Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. 25th September 1806.

La Gloire, of 46 Guns, commanded by M. Soleil, Capitaine de Vaisseau, carrying a broad Pendant.

L'Infatigable, of 44 Guns, commanded by M. Girardiers, Capitaine de Vaisseau.

La Minerve, of 44 Guns, quite new, commanded by M. Colet, Capitaine de Frigate.

L'Armide, of 44 Guns, Two Years old, commanded by M. Langlois, Capitaine de Frigate.