

and Men under my Orders, I feel it right you should be made acquainted with the Particulars.

On the Morning of the Twenty-third Instant I discovered the Enemy within Two Miles of the Moro Cattle, rather to Leeward, carrying all possible Sail to get into the Havannah. I therefore made the Signal to lay the Enemy on board on coming up with her, but my Design was frustrated by the Pomona bearing up, having been joined by Twelve Gun-Boats from the Havannah, and anchoring within Pistol shot of a Cattle mounting Sixteen, Thirty-six-Pounders, in Three Fathoms and a Half Water. The Gun-Boats advanced from her in a Line a-breast.

These Boats were sent out expressly to protect the Pomona at her Anchorage. This Line of Defence certainly appeared formidable, added to a Lee Shore, but Difficulties with British Seamen are easily got the better of, and well knowing the able and gallant Support I should meet with from Captain Lydiard, I decided instantly to attack the Enemy in their strong Position, and bore up for that Purpose, having previously passed a Bower Cable through the Stern Port. In going down both Ships suffered considerably in their Sails and Rigging from the raking Fire of the Gun-Boats, the Pomona and Cattle reserving theirs until we anchored.

At Ten A. M. I anchored His Majesty's Ship Arethusa close alongside the Pomona, in One Foot Water more than the Ship drew; the Anson on my Larboard Bow; when the Action became general, but not of long Duration. The Pomona having struck her Colours in Thirty-five Minutes, Three Gun-Boats blew up, Six were sunk, and Three driven on Shore on the Breakers.

Notwithstanding the severe Fire from the Cattle, the Pomona was instantly taken possession of by Lieutenant Parish, First of the Arethusa, and followed by Lieutenant Sullivan, First of the Anson.

The Cattle had now commenced firing red-hot Shot, which occasioned the Arethusa to be set on Fire, but was soon extinguished by the very proper Arrangements of Lieutenants Higman and Griffith, commanding the main Deck. Shortly after a melancholy, and dreadful Explosion took place in the Cattle, after which all Firing ceased.

It now becomes a pleasing Part of my Duty to recommend to your particular Notice the steady and gallant Conduct of Captain Lydiard, the Officers and Men of both Ships, all appearing to be animated with the same enthusiastic Zeal.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE.

*Vice-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief,  
Esq. Esq. Esq.*

*A List of Killed and Wounded.*

*Arethusa*—2 killed and 32 wounded.  
*Anson*—None killed or wounded.  
*Spanish Frigate Pomona*—Captain and 20 Men killed;  
2 Lieutenants and 30 Men wounded.  
*Gun-Boats*.—The Loss of Men must have been considerable, as very few of them reached the Shore, from those Boats which were blown up and sunk.  
(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE.

The Pomona was from Vera Cruz, bound to the Havannah, laden with Specie and Merchandize.

The Money belonging to the King was landed at the Cattle by the Governor of the Havannah, and

the Spanish Admiral, who had previously come out to place the Pomona in Safety, as they considered her under the Protection of the Cattle, and had only left her Ten Minutes before the Action commenced.

The Freight belonging to the Merchants, with Plate and various Kinds of Merchandize, I have captured.

(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE.

*A List of the Killed and Wounded.*

*Killed.*

Seamen.—Jeremiah Reed and John Sloane.

*Wounded.*

Captain Brisbane, but did not quit the Deck.

Lieutenant Higman, of the Navy.

Lieutenant Fennell, of the Marines.

Seamen.—Lazarus Thornton, Robert Taylor, Matthew Holmes, John Reid, John Smith, William Priddle, Henry Durand, George Walmer, Robert Cobbie, Thomas Phillips, James Smith, Matthew May, John Prince, James Conway, Thomas Butler, Richard Oaks, William Campbell, Crawford Bimsey, Joseph Powell, John Serrell, George Ferry, John Sheppard, John Eastus, William West, William Maunder, John Howard, and John Caulker.

Marines.—George Taylor, and William Spence.

Total.—2 Killed, and 32 Wounded.

(Signed) CHARLES BRISBANE, Captain.  
ROBERT MEGAN, Surgeon.

*His Majesty's Ship Shark, Port Royal,  
4th October 1806.*

SIR,  
I ENCLOSE for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain James Richard Dacres, of the Bacchante, acquainting me of the Boats of that Ship having cut out, from the Harbour of Santa Martha, an Armed Brig, and Two Armed Feluccas, without Loss.

I am, &c. J. R. DACRES.

*His Majesty's Ship Bacchante, off Cape  
Aguga, September 1, 1806.*

SIR,  
IN reconnoitring the Harbour of St. Martha I perceived lying there a Brig and Two Feluccas, and judging it practicable to bring them out, or at least destroy them, on the Night of the 9th Ult. I dispatched the Boats under the Command of Lieutenant Norton, whose Abilities as an Officer, and Knowledge of the Place, promised Success, (assisted by the Officers named in the Margin \*.) They arrived at the Entrance of the Harbour at One o'Clock, and immediately dashed for the Vessels under a tremendous Fire from the Forts, Vessels, and the Shore, the Beach being lined with Field-Pieces and Musketry, the Feluccas keeping up a heavy Fire until the Boats were alongside; the Crews made a short resistance, and quitted them. Notwithstanding such a heavy Fire they succeeded in bringing out the Brig and Two Feluccas, without the Loss of a single Man: Two of the Vessels having their Sails unbent, they were obliged to be towed out, which detained them till near Four o'Clock; the whole of which Time they were under the Enemy's Batteries.

\* Mr. Howard, Gunner; Messrs. Overhand and Birch, Master's-Mates; Mr. Pitcher, Lieutenant of Marines; Mr. Leriche, Purser; and Mr. Burnet, Carpenter.