

ously wounded; Lieutenant C. Bird, Ensigns Galbraith and Walton, slightly wounded.  
95th Foot—Lieutenant Clark, dangerously wounded.  
1st Light Battalion of the King's German Legion—Lieutenant Frederick Du Fay and Ensign Frederick Hedeman, dangerously wounded.

Admiralty-Office, August 12, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to the Honourable W. W. Esq, dated on board the *Ville de Paris*, off Toulon, 11th Dec 1809.

SIR,

I HAVE received Two Letters from Captain Brenton of His Majesty's Ship *Spartan*, of Date the 27th April, and 5th May, relating the Proceedings of the Ships therein named with him at Pesaro, on 23d April, and at Ceseratico, on the 2d Ultimo; when, on both Occasions, all the Enemy's Vessels in those Ports were captured, and the Forts destroyed. no Loss was sustained on our Part, and this must be attributed to the well concerted measures which were taken for accomplishing this Service.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

COLLINGWOOD.

MY LORD, *Spartan*, Trieste, April 27, 1809

I HAVE the Honour to inform your Lordship, that being with the *Amphion* and *Mercury* off the Town of Pesaro, on the 23d Instant, I observed a Number of Vessels lying in the Môle, and thought it practicable to take Possession of them, for which purpose the Ships were anchored with Springs upon their Cables, within Half a Mile of the Town, the Boats formed into Two Divisions, the First consisting of Launches with Caronades, and other Boats carrying Field Pieces, under the Orders of Lieutenant Philott, First of the *Amphion*, took a Station to the Northward of the Town, and the Second Division, consisting of Rocket-Boats, under the Order of Lieut. Baumgardt, of the *Spartan*, to the Southward, both Divisions commanded by Lieutenant Willis, First of the *Spartan*; as soon as these Arrangements were made, I sent a Flag of Truce on Shore, to demand the Surrender of all the Vessels, adding, that should any Resistance be made, the Governor must be answerable for the Consequences. I gave him Half an Hour to deliberate.

At Half past Eleven A. M. the Officer returned with a Message from the Commandant, stating, that in Half an Hour I should receive his Answer.

I waited Thirty-five Minutes from the Time the Boat came alongside, when observing no Flag of Truce flying on Shore, but that Troops were assembling in considerable Numbers in the Streets, and on the Quays, and that the Inhabitants were busily employed in dismantling the Vessels, I hauled down the Flag of Truce, and fired One Shot over the Town to give Warning to the Women and Children, and shortly after made the Signal to commence firing, which was instantly obeyed by the Ships and Boats. At Thirty-two Minutes after Twelve, observing several Flags of Truce hung out in the Town, I made the Signal to cease firing, and Lieutenant Willis pulled into the Harbour, where he was informed that the Commandant had made his Escape with all the Military.

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I considered the Place as surrendered at Discretion, and gave Orders for all the Boats to be employed in bringing out the Vessels, and the Marines to be landed to protect them.

Lieutenant Willis made the most judicious Arrangements, to put these Orders into Execution; the Marines were drawn up on the Marina, under Lieutenant Moore of the Royal Marines of the *Amphion*, the Launches stationed in such a Manner as to enfilade the principal Streets; and the other Boats' Crews employed in rigging the Vessels, and laying out Warps to haul them off with, as soon as the Tide should flow.

About Two P. M. I received a Letter from the Commandant, dated Half past One, demanding another Hour for Deliberation; I refused him a Moment, and told him that in case of Resistance, I should destroy the Town.

By half-past Six; Thirteen Vessels deeply laden, as per inclosed List, were brought off; several others had been scuttled by the Inhabitants, and sunk; some were still aground, and dismantled; there were besides a few in Ballast, and a Number of Fishing Vessels.

I should have burnt the Merchant Vessels, but was apprehensive of setting Fire to the Town, and destroying the Fishing Boats, I therefore directed Lieutenant Willis to blow up the Castle at the Entrance of the Harbour, and bring off his People; this he did at Seven o'Clock.

I am happy to say we did not hear of any Lives being lost in the Town, although many of the Houses were much damaged; One Man only was killed by the Explosion of the Castle; after the March had been lighted, and our People retreated, he approached it; a Musket was fired over him to drive him away, but he sought Refuge behind the Castle, and was buried in its Ruins.

As the Enemy made no active Resistance, I can only express my Admiration of the Zeal and Promptitude with which Captain Holte and the Honourable Henry Duncan, executed the Orders they received, and the Manner in which they placed their Ships. Lieutenant Willis upon this, as upon every other Occasion, displayed the greatest Energy, Skill, and Judgment; the Arrangements he made for the Defence of his Party, whilst in the Harbour, and the Expedition used in sending out the Prizes, do him the highest Credit.

Lieutenant Philott and Lieutenant Baumgardt, in the Command of their respective Divisions, and Lieutenant Moore in that of the Marines, was also exemplary.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. BENTON.

List of Enemy's Vessels captured in the Port of Pesaro, by His Majesty's Ships *Spartan*, *Amphion*, and *Mercury*, on the 23d of April 1809.

St. Nicholas, of 138 Tons, laden with Oil and Almonds.

Il Practico, of 90 Tons, laden with Oil.

L'Azzardo Fortunato, of 54 Tons, laden with Oil.

A Vessel, Name unknown, of 130 Tons, laden with Oil, Hides, and Almonds.

A Vessel, Name unknown, of 90 Tons, laden with Oil and Hemp.