

Enclosed is a return of casualties sustained upon this occasion.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT LONG,
Major-General.

To Lieutenant-General Sir Wm. Erskine,

Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of Major-General Long's Brigade, in an Affair with the Enemy near Ribera, on the 24th July 1812.

9th Light Dragoons—2 rank and file wounded.

13th Ditto—1 rank and file, 2 horses, wounded; 1 troop horse missing.

2d Hussars—3 rank and file, 5 troop horses, wounded.

Portuguese Cavalry—1 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 3 troop horses, wounded; 3 rank and file, 3 troop horses, missing.

Total British and Portuguese loss—1 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 6 rank and file, 10 horses, wounded; 3 rank and file, 4 horses, missing.

Whitehall, August 25, 1812.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, hath been graciously pleased, by an especial warrant, to grant unto Arthur Marquess of Wellington, Knight Companion of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces in Spain and Portugal, His Majesty's royal licence and permission, that he and his descendants may bear, as a royal augmentation, in the dexter quarter of the arms of *Wellesley*, AN ESCOCHEON CHARGED WITH THE CROSSES OF ST. GEORGE, ST. ANDREW, AND ST. PATRICK, being the Union Badge of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, as a lasting memorial of the glorious and transcendent achievements of the said Arthur Marquess of Wellington on various important occasions, but more particularly in the recent brilliant and decisive victory obtained over the French army, by the troops under his command, near Salamanca, on the 22d day of July last; such royal augmentation being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office:

And also to command, that this especial mark of His Majesty's royal favour be registered in His College of Arms.

Admiralty-Office, August 25, 1812.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Young to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board His Majesty's Ship the Impregnable, off West Capel, the 26th instant.

SIR,

I ENCLOSE, for their Lordship's information, a copy of a letter from Lord George Stuart, Captain of His Majesty's ship *Horatio*, giving an account of the capture, by the boats of that ship,

of two Danish armed vessels, and an American ship, their prize, on the coast of Norway, in which their Lordships will perceive a degree of persevering bravery, in the highest degree honourable to all who were engaged; but the more their gallant spirit excites admiration, the more it is to be lamented that so many of such brave officers and seamen should be lost to their country.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. YOUNG.

His Majesty's Ship Horatio, Tromptsen Sound, SIR, Coast of Norway, 3d August 1812.

I HAVE the honour to make known to you, when in execution of your orders, running down the coast of Norway on the 1st instant, in latitude 70 degrees 40 minutes N. a small sail was seen from the mast-head, close in with the land, which we discovered to be an armed cutter before she disappeared among the rocks. Being anxious to destroy the enemy's cruizers, who have so considerably intercepted our trade in this quarter, I dispatched the barge and three cutters, under the command of my First Lieutenant A. M. Hawkins, who gained information on shore that the cutter had gone to a village on an arm of the sea, thirty-five miles in land, where he immediately proceeded, and, at 8 A. M. on the 2d, she was discovered at anchor, together with a schooner and a large ship, which, on the appearance of the boats, presented their broadsides with springs on their cables. As a strong tide set the boats towards them, Lieutenant Hawkins determined to attack, notwithstanding their advantageous position; at nine the fire commenced on the boats (one of which was dispatched under the directions of Mr. James Crisp, Master's Mate, to disperse some small-armed men collected on shore—this he effected, and returned to the attack before the enemy struck), and after a most sanguinary combat, they were carried in that true and gallant style which far surpasses any comment of mine on its merits, or of the characters of the brave fellows employed. They proved to be His Danish Majesty's schooner No. 114, of six six-pounders and thirty men, and cutter No. 97, of four six-pounders and twenty-two men, commanded by Lieutenant Buderhof, a First Lieutenant in the Danish navy and Commodore of a division of small vessels employed on this coast, in person on board the schooner; and an American ship of about four hundred tons, their prize.

I lament to say that the loss on both sides is severe, and nearly similar. Though I had before had occasion to represent the meritorious conduct of Lieutenant Hawkins, I cannot in this instance sufficiently express my sentiments of his gallantry, as well as that of Lieutenant Masters, Second of the *Horatio*. Lieutenant Hawkins, who received a severe wound in the right hand when the boats were advancing, and another in the left arm in the act of boarding, represents the spirited and able support he received from Lieutenant Masters, who was also severely wounded in the right arm, and I must also bear testimony to the merits of this officer. The service has lost a valuable officer in First Lieutenant Syder (royal marines), killed in the act of boarding; and that of a most amiable young