

several officers and petty officers whom he names, to their Lordships' notice.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) KEITH, Admiral.

P. S. Captain Bloye landed at Falmouth, and as he may be able to give their Lordships much useful information, I have directed him to deliver this dispatch.

*Surveillante, off St. Sebastian,*  
September 9, 1813.

IT is with sincere pleasure that I do myself the honour to report to your Lordship the fall of St. Sebastian, the northern Gibraltar of Spain.

Yesterday, at 10 a. m. the breaching and mortar batteries opened a most ruinous fire against the Castle of La Motte, (situated on the crown of the hill) and the adjoining works.

In a very short time General Rey, the governor, sent out a flag of truce to propose terms of capitulation; which were concluded at five in the evening, when the Battery du Gouverneur and the Mirador were immediately taken possession of by our troops.

The garrison, still upwards of seventeen hundred, became prisoners of war, and are to be conveyed to England from Passages.

At this season of the year the possession of St. Sebastian becomes doubly valuable; it may be considered the western key of the Pyrennees, and its importance as to the future operations of the Allied Army, is incalculable. The town and works have suffered considerably, and it must be a long time before the former can recover its original splendour. I cannot, however, avoid congratulating your Lordship on its fall on any terms, as the gales now blow home, and the sea is prodigious; all the squadrons were yesterday forced to sea, with the exception of the *Surveillante* and *President*.

The former good conduct and gallantry of the seamen lauded from the squadron, under Lieutenant O'Reilly, of the *Surveillante*, and serving in the breaching batteries, have been most conspicuously maintained. Lieutenant Dunlop, as well as Mr. Marsh, (having sufficiently recovered from his wound) were also at their former post.

The *Surveillante's* twenty-four pounders, mounted on Santa Clara, and dragged up by Captain Smith, of the *Beagle*, were admirably served by a party landed from the *Revolutionnaire*, *Magicienne*, and *Challenger*; their fire had totally silenced the enemy's guns opposed to them. Captain Smith speaks in high terms of the general zeal evinced by all under his orders. The most perfect cordiality was maintained between the officers and seamen under Captain Smith and the party of the 9th regiment, under Captain Cameron.

The captains and commanders of the vessels named in the margin, have all been usefully employed; and the situation many of them have been unavoidably placed in, has called forth proofs of professional skill and perseverance seldom sur-

passed; and I have the highest satisfaction in being able to report, that in no instance has it been more tryingly evinced, than in the conduct of Lieutenant the Honourable James Arbuthnot of the *Surveillante*, which he has proved himself fully equal to. Messrs. Marsh, Harvey, Bloye, Lawson, (wounded) have been constantly on shore. There are others of the squadron who, though not wounded, are not less deserving.

Captain Bloye's services have been repeatedly noticed by me to your Lordship, and as he has been employed from the very commencement of our operations on this coast, and has a perfect knowledge of the localities of this harbour, as well as that of St. Sebastian, I have felt it important to send him to England, as he will, from his having been particularly attached to the duties connected with this port and the army, be able to give your Lordship much useful information.

Lieutenant Stokes, in the *Constant*, has scarcely ever quitted the mouth of the Bidassoa; the utility of his position is, I believe, felt by the army; it has been a station of considerable anxiety.

I enclose a return of casualties among the seamen in the breaching batteries, from the 28th to the 31st of August 1813.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE R. COLLIER, Captain.

To the Right Honourable Lord Keith,  
K. B. Admiral of the Red, Commander  
in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

*Return of Casualties among the Seamen under the Orders of Lieutenant O'Reilly, employed in the Breaching Batteries before St. Sebastian, between 28th and 31st August, 1813.*

None killed.

Wounded.

SURVEILLANTE.

John Ray, seaman, severely.  
Henry Phillips, seaman, slightly.

BEAGLE.

John Daniels, seaman, severely.

PRESIDENT.

Matthew Foss, seaman, slightly.

*Return of Killed and Wounded on the Island of Santa Clara, between 30th August and 8th September 1813.*

Killed.

REVOLUTIONNAIRE.

Michael Risk, seaman.

Wounded.

BEAGLE.

Captain John Smith, slightly.

REVOLUTIONNAIRE.

John McDonald, seaman, severely.

John Neil, seaman, slightly.

William Brown, seaman, slightly.

CHALLENGER.

Patriek M'Khoy, seaman, slightly.