

Captain Maconald's letter, which I have the honour to transmit, will acquaint your Lordship with the perseverance with which he had watched this frigate, which he fell in with four days ago, sixty leagues to the west of Ushant, and of a gallant joint attack made by the Scylla and Royalist on the frigate yesterday, in sight of the Rippon, and upon her weather-beam.

The judicious measures taken by Captains M'Donald and Bremer, enabled the latter officer to join me at three o'clock this morning, with intelligence of the enemy's force, whilst the Scylla watched their antagonist; and at daylight, the breeze springing up, gave us an opportunity of closing with the enemy.

About ten, the frigate bore up towards the Rippon and struck her colours, having exchanged two broadsides with the Scylla, and just as the Rippon and Royalist were within reach.

Being near the French coast, and the prize in a most crippled and unmanageable state, I have deemed it necessary to take on board the greater number of the prisoners, and to tow her into port.

Enclosed are the lists of killed and wounded on board the Scylla and Royalist. The enemy had four killed and fifteen wounded.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CHRISTOPHER COLE.

Right Hon. Lord Keith, &c. &c. &c.

*His Majesty's Sloop Scylla, at Sea,*  
October 21, 1813.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, at one A. M. the 18th instant, in longitude 9 deg. 10 min. West, and latitude 47 deg. 30 min. N. I fell in with a French national frigate, under jury main and mizen-masts, apparently making the best of her way for Brest, and judging it not prudent to attack such superior force, as (in the event of our being crippled) I should not have been able to have kept sight of her, from the severity of the weather, I had the good fortune, on the 20th instant, to meet with His Majesty's sloop Royalist, when Captain Bremer, in the handsomest manner, volunteered to join me in attacking her. At half past three P. M. we bore up in close order, the Scylla on her quarter, and the Royalist on her bow, and commenced the action nearly at the same time, which continued for an hour and a half, when our sails and rigging being very much cut, and main-mast severely wounded, the Royalist nearly in the same predicament, we hauled off to repair the damages, the weather being very squally, so as to endanger our masts. A man of war appearing to the northward, I ordered the Royalist to apprise her of our situation; at daylight this morning, I observed a large ship to leeward, which proved to be His Majesty's ship Rippon, and as you, Sir, were an eye-witness of our proceeding this morning, I beg leave to refer to you for the subsequent events.

Any encomium I can bestow on Captain Bremer would, I am convinced, fall very short of his deserts; and I beg leave to return him, his officers, and ship's company, my warmest thanks for the gallant support they afforded us during the action. To the officers and ship's company of this sloop, I shall ever feel indebted for their gallant and per-

severing conduct in the action, and during the time we kept sight of the enemy, in the severest weather I almost ever experienced; and beg to recommend Mr. William Speck, Senior Lieutenant of this sloop, also Mr. Thomas G. Cooper, Master's-Mate. Captain Bremer speaks in the highest terms of his officers and ship's company.

I am happy to say, that we have only two seamen slightly wounded; the Royalist, I am sorry to add, was not so fortunate, having two killed and nine wounded. Enclosed are the returns of killed and wounded on board the two sloops.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) C. MACDONALD, Commander.

To Sir Christopher Cole, Bart. Captain of  
His Majesty's Ship Rippon, &c. &c. &c.

*List of Killed and Wounded of His Majesty's Sloop Scylla, in Action with the Weser French Frigate, 21st October 1813.*

Killed.

None.

*Slightly wounded.*

James Watts, quarter-master's-mate.

Peter Rathborne, able seaman.

(Signed) C. MACDONALD, Commander.

R. M'ANUS, Surgeon.

*Return of Killed and Wounded of His Majesty's Sloop Royalist, in Action with the Weser French Frigate, 21st October 1813.*

Killed.

Joseph Saigter, able seaman.

Corhellus Ralt, ordinary seaman.

*Severely wounded.*

Mr. W. Wilson, master.

Alexander Mason, ordinary seaman.

William George, seaman.

Henry Kitson, seaman.

Peter Read, gunner's-mate.

*Slightly wounded.*

Mr. J. Waring, first lieutenant.

Robert George, private marine.

Andrew Newton, ordinary seaman.

Richard Elliot, boy.

Total—2 killed; 9 wounded.

(Signed) J. J. GORDON BREMER, Captain.  
W. F. CARTER, Surgeon.

*Foreign-Office, October 26, 1813.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to approve of Mr. Fuhrbank to be Vice-Consul for the Emperor of All the Russias, at Hull.

*Commissions in the Bedfordshire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

Thomas Higgins, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Hawkins.

Henry Slatter, Gent. to be ditto.