

happy by the sight of a ship and brig standing to the southward and eastward, and not more than two miles on the *Majestic's* weather bow; the night signal for a general chase was made, and promptly obeyed by all the ships.

In the course of the day, the chase became extremely interesting by the endeavours of the enemy to escape; and the exertions of the Captains to get their respective ships alongside of him, the former by cutting away his anchors, and throwing overboard every moveable article, with a great quantity of provisions, and the latter by trimming their ships in every way possible to effect their purpose. As the day advanced, the wind declined, giving the *Endymion* an evident advantage in sailing; and Captain Hope's exertions enabled him to get his ship alongside of the enemy, and commence close action at half an hour past five o'clock in the evening, which was continued with great gallantry and spirit on both sides, for two hours and a half, when the *Endymion's* sails being cut from the yards, the enemy got a-head; Captain Hope taking this opportunity to bend new sails to enable him to get his ship alongside again, the action ceased, till the *Pomone* getting up at half past eleven at night, and firing a few shots, the enemy hailed to say, she had already surrendered.

The ship on being taken possession of, proved to be the President as above stated, commanded by Commodore Dea'tu'.

The vessel in company with her was the Macedonian brig*, which made her escape, by very superior sailing.

And now, Sir, a very pleasing part of my duty is the bearing testimony to the able and masterly manner in which the *Endymion* was conducted, and the gallantry with which she was fought; and when the effect produced by her well directed fire upon the President is witnessed, it cannot be doubted but that Captain Hope would have succeeded in either capturing or sinking her, had none of the squadron been in sight.

For your further information I have the honour to enclose Captain Hope's letter, with a return of killed and wounded, on board the *Endymion*; I have not yet been able to ascertain the loss of the President, but I believe it to be much greater than the *Endymion's*; and she had six feet water in the hold when taken possession of: both ships were very much cut in masts and rigging, and had the present most severe gale commenced twelve hours sooner, the prize would undoubtedly have sunk: as soon as the weather will permit a communication, I shall procure further particulars, and then send the *Endymion* and *Pomone*, with the prize and prisoners, to Bermuda.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JOHN HAYES, Captain.

Rear Admiral the Honourable Sir Henry Hotham, &c. &c. &c.

P. S. The ships having parted company in the gale, no further particulars have been obtained.

Number of persons of all descriptions on board the President previous to the action, about four hundred and ninety.

* A Merchant ship laden with provisions

Number and Calibre of her Guns.

Main-Deck.—30 long twenty-four-pounders.
 Quarter-Deck.—14 forty-two-pounder carronades,
 1 long twenty-four-pounder, 1 twenty-four-pounder howitzer.
 Forecastle.—6 forty-two-pounder carronade, 1 long twenty-four-pounder.
 Foretop.—2 brass six-pounders.
 Maintop.—2 brass six-pounders.
 Mizentop.—2 smaller guns.

Total—59.

His Majesty's Ship Endymion, at Sea,
 January 15, 1815.

SIR,

I ENCLOSE a return of the killed and wounded, and I have great pleasure in bearing testimony of the very great assistance I received from the Senior Lieutenant Morgan, during the whole days proceedings; together with the cool and determined bravery of my officers and ship's company, on this fortunate occasion. Where every individual has so conspicuously done his duty, it would be injustice for me to particularise, but I trust the loss and damage sustained by the enemy's frigate, will shew the steady and well-directed fire kept up by His Majesty's ship under my command.

Although our loss has been severe, I am happy to state, that it is trifling when compared with that of the enemy.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed)

H. HOPE.

To John Hayes, Esq. Captain of His Majesty's Ship *Majestic*, and Senior Officer off New York.

List of Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Ship Endymion, in Action with the United States Ship President, on the 15th January 1815.

Killed.

John Reed, quarter-master.
 Stephen Murphy, captain of the maintop.
 James Fair, ordinary seaman.
 William Ash, landman.
 Matthew Norton, able seaman.
 Henry Jenkins, able seaman.
 Robert Mitchell, able seaman.
 Robert Annard, quarter-gunner.
 Peter Connell, landman.
 William Hope, landman.
 John Smith, serjeant of marines.

Total—11.

Wounded.

James Easley, carpenter's-mate, severely.
 James Donovan, gunner's-mate, severely.
 Thomas Duff, captain of the after-guard, dangerously.
 William Lane, trumpeter, dangerously.
 James Bailey, quarter-gunner, severely.
 Joseph Goodball, able seaman, slightly.
 John Egan, landman, slightly.
 William Mitford, landman, slightly.
 Robert Jutling, landman, slightly.
 Robert Lyons, landman, severely.
 Thomas Weeks, able seaman, slightly.