

yet I found I could not again close the Enemy, whose Van were fairly drove from their Line, but their Admiral was joining them by bearing away. By this Time it was past Six, and the Enemy's Van and ours were at too great a Distance to engage; I perceived some of their Ships stretching to the Northward, and I imagined they were going to form a new Line. I made the Signal for the headmost Ships to tack, and those that led before with the Larboard Tacks, to lead with the Starboard, that I might, by the first, keep (if possible) the Wind of the Enemy; and, by the second, be between the Rear Admiral's Division and the Enemy, as his had suffer'd most, as also to cover the Intrepid, which I perceived to be in a very bad Condition, and whose Loss would give the Ballance against us, if they attack'd us the next Morning, as I expected. I brought too about Eight that Night, to join the Intrepid, and to refit our Ships as fast as possible, and continued so all Night. The next Morning we saw nothing of the Enemy, tho' we were still laying too: Mahon was N. N. W. about Ten or Eleven Leagues. I sent Cruizers out to look for the Intrepid and Chesterfield, who joined me next Day; and having, from a State and Condition

of the Squadron brought me in, found that the Captain, Intrepid, and Defiance (which latter has lost her Captain) were very much damaged in their Masts, I thought it proper, in this Situation, to call a Council of War, before I went again to look for the Enemy. I desired the Attendance of General Stuart, Lord Effingham, and Lord Robert Bertie, and Colonel Cornwallis, that I might collect their Opinions upon the present Situation, at which Council not the least Contention or Doubt arose. I do not send their Lordships the Particulars of our Losses and Damage by this, as it would take me much Time, and that I am willing none should be lost in letting them know an Event of such Consequence. I dispatch this to Sir Benjamin Keene, by Way of Barcelona, and am making the best of my Way to Gibraltar, from which Place I propose sending their Lordships a more particular Account.

P. S. I must desire you will acquaint their Lordships, that I have appointed Captain Hervey to the Command of the Defiance, in the room of Captain Andrews, slain in the Action.

I have just sent the Defects of the Ships, as I have got it made out whilst I was closing my Letter.

*STATE of the English and French Fleets in the late Action in the Mediterranean, with the Number of Persons killed and wounded in each Ship.*

| ENGLISH.         |                 |   |         |          |        |
|------------------|-----------------|---|---------|----------|--------|
| Ships.           | Number of Guns. | Commanders.   | Killed. | Wounded. | Total. |
| Ramillies,       | 90              | Admiral Byng,<br>Captain Gardner,<br>Rear-Admiral West,<br>Captain Everitt,<br>Ward,<br>Catford,<br>Cornwall,<br>Edgecumbe,<br>Durell,<br>Young,<br>Parry,<br>Noel,<br>Andrews,<br>Baird,<br>Amherst. | —       | —        | —      |
| Buckingham,      | 70              |   | 3       | 7        | 10     |
| Culloden,        | 74              |   | —       | —        | —      |
| Captain,         | 70              |   | 6       | 30       | 36     |
| Revenge,         | 70              |   | —       | —        | —      |
| Lancaster,       | 66              |   | 1       | 14       | 15     |
| Trident,         | 64              |   | —       | —        | —      |
| Intrepid,        | 64              |   | 9       | 39       | 48     |
| Kingston,        | 60              |   | —       | —        | —      |
| Princess Louisa, | 60              |   | 4       | 13       | 17     |
| Defiance,        | 60              |   | 14      | 45       | 59     |
| Portland,        | 50              |   | 6       | 20       | 26     |
| Deptford,        | 50              |   | —       | —        | —      |
|                  | 848             |   |         | 43       | 168    |
| <i>Frigates</i>  |                 |   |         |          |        |
| Chesterfield,    | 44              | Lloyd,  |         |          |        |
| Experiment,      | 24              | Gilchrist,  |         |          |        |
| Dolphin,         | 24              | —   |         |          |        |
| Phoenix,         | 24              | Hervey,   |         |          |        |
| Fortune,         | 14              | Maplefen.   |         |          |        |

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