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Admiralty-office, August 18. Copy of a letter from Lord Viscount Nelson, K. B. Vice-Admiral of the Red, &c. to Evan Nepean, Esq. On board the Medusa, off Boulogne, Aug. 16.

Having judged it proper to attempt bringing off the enemy's flotilla, moored in the front of Boulogne, I directed the attack to be made by four divisions of boats for boarding, under the command of Captains Somerville, Cotgrave, Jones and Parker; a division of howitzer-boats under Captain Conn. The boats put off from the Medusa at half past eleven o'clock last night in the best possible order, and before one o'clock this morning the firing began; and I had, from the judgment of the officers, and the zeal and gallantry of every man, the most perfect confidence of complete success: but the darkness of the night, with the tide and half tide, separated the divisions, and from all not arriving at the same happy moment with Capt. Parker, is to be attributed the failure of success. But I beg to be perfectly understood that not the smallest blame attaches itself to any person; for although the divisions did not arrive together, yet each (except the fourth division, which did not get up before day) made a successful attack upon that part of the enemy they fell in with, and actually took possession of several brigs and flats, and cut their cables; but many of them being aground, and the moment of the battle's ceasing on board them, the vessels were filled with volleys upon volleys of musquetry, the enemy being perfectly regardless of their own men, who must have suffered equally with us; it was therefore impossible to remain on board even to burn them: but allow me to say, who have seen much service this war, that more determined, persevering courage, I never witnessed; and that nothing but the impossibility of being successful, from the causes I have mentioned, could have prevented me from having to congratulate their Lordships. But although in value the loss of such gallant and good men is incalculable, yet, in point of numbers, it has fallen short of my expectations. I must also beg leave to state, that greater zeal and ardent desire to distinguish themselves by an attack on the enemy was never shewn more than by all the Captains, officers and crews of all the descriptions of vessels under my command.

The Commanders of the Hunter and Greyhound revenue cutters went in their boats in the most handsome and gallant manner to the attack. Amongst the many brave men wounded, I have the deepest regret to place the name of my gallant good friend and assistant, Captain Edward T. Parker, also my Flag Lieutenant Frederick Langford, who has served with me many years; they were both wounded in attempting to board the French Commodore. To Captain Gore, of the Medusa, I feel the highest obligation; and when their Lordships look at the loss of the Medusa on this occasion, they will agree with me, that the honor of my flag, and their King and country, could never have been placed in more gallant hands. Capt. Bedford, of the Leyden, with Capt. Gore, very handsomely volunteered their services to serve under a Master and Commander: but I did not think it fair to the latter, and I only mention it to mark the zeal of those officers. From the nature of the attack, only a few prisoners were made; a Lieutenant, eight seamen and eight soldiers, are all they brought off. Herewith I send the reports of the several Commanders of divisions, and a report of killed and wounded.

I have the honor to be, &c. NELSON and BRONTE. P.S. Captain Somerville was the senior Master and Commander employed. Eugene, off Boulogne, Aug. 16. MY LORD, In obedience to your Lordship's direction to state the proceedings of

the first division of boats which you did me the honor to place under my command, for the purpose of attacking the enemy's flotilla in the Bay of Boulogne, I beg leave to acquaint you, that after leaving the Medusa last night, I found myself, on getting on shore, carried by the rapidity of the tide to the Eastward of the above-mentioned place; and finding that I was not likely to reach it in the order prescribed, I gave directions for the boats to cast each other off. By so doing, I was enabled to get to the enemy's flotilla a little before the dawn of day, and in the best order possible attacked, close to the pier-head, a brig, which after short contest, I carried. Previous to so doing, her cables were cut; but I was prevented from towing her out by her being secured by a chain, and in consequence of a very heavy fire of musquetry and grape-shot, that was directed at us from the shore, three luggers, and another brig within half pistol shot, and not seeing the least prospect of being able to get her off, I was obliged to abandon her, and push out of the Bay, as it was then completely day-light. The undaunted and resolute behaviour of the officers, seamen and marines, was unparalleled; and I have to lament the loss of several of those brave men, a list of whom I enclose you herewith. I have the honor to be, &c. P. SOMERVILLE.

Medusa, off Boulogne, Aug. 16. MY LORD, After the complete arrangement which was made, the perfect good understanding and regularity with which the boats you did me the honor to put under my command left the Medusa, I have an anxious feeling to explain to your Lordship the failure of our enterprise, on its outset, promised every success. Agreeably to your Lordship's instructions, I proceeded with the second division of the boats under my direction (the half of which were under the direction of Lieut. Williams, senior, of the Medusa) to attack the part of the enemy's flotilla appointed for me, and at half past twelve had the good fortune to find myself close to them, when I ordered Lieut. Williams, with his sub-division, to push on to attack the vessels to the Northward of me, while I, with the other, run along side a large brig off the mole-head, wearing the Commodore's pendant. It is at this moment I feel myself at a loss for words to do justice to the officers and crew of the Medusa who were in the boat with me, and to Lieut. Langford, the officers and crew of the same ship, who nobly seconded us in the barge, until all her crew were killed or wounded; and to the Honourable Mr. Cathcart, who commanded the Medusa's cutter, and sustained the attack with the greatest intrepidity, until the desperate situation I was left in obliged me to call him to the assistance of the sufferers in my boat. The boats were no sooner alongside than we attempted to board; but a very strong netting, traced up to her lower yards, baffled all our endeavours, and an instantaneous discharge of her guns and small arms from about 200 soldiers on her gun-wale, knocked myself, Mr. Kirby, the master of the Medusa, and Mr. Gore, a midshipman, with two-thirds of the crew, upon our backs in the boat, all either killed or wounded desperately: the barge and cutter being on the outside, steered off with the tide, but the flat boat in which I was hung alongside, and as there was not an officer or man left to govern her, must have fallen into the hands of the enemy, had not Mr. Cathcart taken her in tow and carried her off.

Mr. Williams led his sub-division up to the enemy with the most intrepid gallantry, took one lugger, and attacked a brig; while his crew, I am concerned to say, suffered equally with ourselves; nearly the whole of his boat's crew were killed or wounded; Lieut. Pelley, who commanded the Medusa's launch, and the Hon. Mr. Matland, midshipman, were severally wounded; and Mr. William Buffow, master's mate, of the Medusa's cutter, was killed.

I have the honor to be, &c. MY LORD, I beg leave to make my report to your Lordship, of the four howitzer-boats that I had the honor to command, in the attack of the enemy last night. Having led in to support Capt. Parker's division, keeping within his lines until the enemy opened their fire on him, we keeping on towards the pier until I was aground in the headmost boat, then opened our fire, and threw about eight shells into it; but from the strength of the tide coming out of the harbour, was not able to keep our station off the pier-head, but continued our fire on the camp, until the enemy's fire had totally slackened, and Capt. Parker's division had passed without me. I beg leave to mention to your Lordship, that I was ably supported by the other boats. Captain Broome and Lieutenant Beam, of the Royal Artillery, did every thing in their power to annoy the enemy. The other officers of artillery were

I now feel it my duty to assure your Lordship, that nothing could surpass the zeal, courage and readiness of every description of officers and men under my command; and I am sorry that my words fall short of their merits, though we could not accomplish the object we were ordered to. I have the honor to be, &c. EDWARD T. PARKER. Gannet, August 16.

MY LORD, On the night of the 15th instant, the third division of boats which I had the honor to command assembled on board his Majesty's ship York, agreeably to your Lordship's directions, and at 11 P. M. by signal made from the Medusa, proceeded without loss of time to attack the enemy's flotilla off Boulogne, as directed by your Lordship; and as I thought it most advisable to endeavour to reduce the largest vessel first, I lost no time in making the attack; but in consequence of my leading the division, and the enemy opening a heavy fire from several batteries, thought it advisable to give the enemy as little time as possible, cut the tow rope, and did not wait the other boats, so that it was some little time before the heavy boats could get up, received so many shot through the boat's bottom, that I soon found her in a sinking state; and as it was not possible to stop to many shot holes, was obliged, with the men, to take to another boat; and I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that I received particular support from the boats of his Majesty's ship York, which soon came up with the rest of the division I had the honor to command; but finding no prospect of success, and the number of men killed and wounded in the different boats, and the constant fire from the shore of grape and small arms, thought it for the good of his Majesty's service to withdraw the boats between two and three in the morning, as we could not board her, although every effort was made. I have the honor to be, &c. ISAAC COTGRAVE. His Majesty's Ship York, Sunday, Aug. 16, 1801.

MY LORD, In consequence of the directions received from your Lordship, I last night, on the signal being made on board the Medusa, left this ship with the boats of the fourth division, formed with two close lines, and immediately joined the other divisions under the stern of the Medusa, and from thence proceeded to put your Lordship's order into execution, attacking the Westernmost part of the enemy's flotilla; but notwithstanding every exertion made, owing to the rapidity of the tide, we could not, until near day light, get to the Westward of any part of the enemy's line; on approaching the Eastern part of which, in order to assist the first division, then engaged, we met them returning. Under these circumstances, and the day breaking apace, I judged it prudent to direct the officers commanding the different boats, to return to their respective ships. I have the honor to be, &c. ROBERT JONES.

Discovery, off Boulogne, 16th Aug. 1801. MY LORD, I beg leave to make my report to your Lordship, of the four howitzer-boats that I had the honor to command, in the attack of the enemy last night. Having led in to support Capt. Parker's division, keeping within his lines until the enemy opened their fire on him, we keeping on towards the pier until I was aground in the headmost boat, then opened our fire, and threw about eight shells into it; but from the strength of the tide coming out of the harbour, was not able to keep our station off the pier-head, but continued our fire on the camp, until the enemy's fire had totally slackened, and Capt. Parker's division had passed without me. I beg leave to mention to your Lordship, that I was ably supported by the other boats. Captain Broome and Lieutenant Beam, of the Royal Artillery, did every thing in their power to annoy the enemy. The other officers of artillery were

detached in the other four howitzer boats. I have the honor to be, &c. JOHN CONN. Total number of killed and wounded. 4 officers, 33 seamen, 7 marines, killed; 14 officers, 84 seamen, 30 marines, wounded. Total 172.

SHERIFFS' SALES. Notice is hereby given, THAT the following Lands, situate in the County of Jones, have not been given in by any List exhibited in said County for the Year 1800, agreeably to Law, and that so much thereof as will satisfy the Taxes due thereon for said Year, and all Charges, will be sold at the Court-House in Trenton, in said County, on Saturday the 30th of October next. 640 Acres on Hunter's Creek, the Property of John G. Blount. 150 Acres on Clay Hill, the Property of Hardy Bryan. 980 Acres the Property of Solomon B. Mark and Henry Brink, of Philadelphia. 363 Acres the Property of William Dennis, now in Possession of Moses Watson, sen. on Whitlock River, adjoining Micajah Frazier's Line. 180 Acres on Trent, late the Property of Lemuel Grimes, deceased, now in Possession of Lemuel Simmons. 50 Acres the Property of William Fonville, in Possession of Benjamin Stanley. 50 Acres on Whitlock River, the Property of the Heirs of the late Abraham Meader, now in Possession of Church Blake. 200 Acres on Hunter's Creek, formerly the Property of Campbell Miller, now in Possession of Herod Kuchel. 100 Acres on Whitlock, adjoining Melchor Arnold's Lines, the Property of Sarah Miller. 200 Acres on Whitlock, Widow's Dowry of Eli West, deceased, Mill Lands, C. West. 14,430 Acres, the Property of — Dubois of Philadelphia. DAWKINS WILKINSON, Sheriff Jones County, Sep. 6.

CARTERET COUNTY. Whereas the following Lands in said County, have not been given in for Taxation, for the Year 1800, the Subscriber finds it necessary to advertise them for Sale, agreeably to Law; the Sale to be at the Court-House, in Beaufort, on the third Wednesday in November next, viz. 1, 130 Acres, in Harlow's Swamp, and on Core Banks, the reputed Property of Samuel Mabson, and Heirs of Arthur Mabson; also 12 Lots in the Town of Beaufort. 200 Acres, the Property of John B. Yates. 238 do. the reputed Property of John Chatter. 75 Acres, the Property of Thos. Dudley. 125 do. the Property of Edward Starkey. 340 do. the reputed Property of Thomas and John Banks. MATTHEW MORRIS, Sheriff. Sep. 17.

On Monday the 23d Day of November next, will be sold, at the Court-House, in Smithfield, for the Taxes of the Year 1800, and contingent Charges, THE following Lots in the said Town of Smithfield, not given in for that Year. Lot No. 1, said to belong to James Smith, Lot No. 11, John Smith; 17, James Kennon; 60 and 82, William Ward; 99, Joel Lain; 98, John Rice; 93 and 97, Richard Caswell; 96, Abner Nash; 95, William Slade; 94, T. Hart; 116, Benjamin Exum; 111, Joel Linn; 109, David Nalbit; 110, John Rice; 86 and 130, J. Stevens; 107, J. Williams; 82, James Kennon; 103, J. Ludworth; 123, Thomas Owens. Also the following Tracts of Land in the County of Johnston, or so much as will discharge the Taxes and contingent Charges, to wit—175 Acres given in by Burrell Farp; 150 Acres of Jesse Langston, not given in, joining James Adams; 60 Acres of Dobah Artis, joining Joel Nurvins; 100 Acres of Samuel Price, joining Simon Price; 28 Acres of John Rorer, joining William Hinnent; 170 Acres of the Heirs of William Ward, joining Adam Sterling and William Hinnent; 200 Acres of Thomas Butcher, joining William Hinnent; 100 of John King, joining Ezekiel Stallings; 250 Acres of Jesse Lumley, joining Richard Whiting; 350 Acres of Benjamin Woodard, lying in the District of Capt. Bulls; 317 Acres of James Jones, lying in the District of Capt. Bulls; 1075 Acres given in by Reuben Carter, in Capt. O'Neil's District; 75 Acres, given in by Stephen Spell, in Capt. O'Neil's District; 390 Acres of William Ingram, in Capt. Steven's District; 220 Acres of Land, given in by James Wilder, in Capt. Allen's District; 237 Acres, given in by Joseph DeLoach, in Capt. Eason's District; 200 Acres, given in by Sherrod Harrels, in Capt. Eason's District; 160 Acres, given in by Joel Bailey, in Capt. Smith's District; 100 Acres, given in by Joseph Brown, in Capt. Tucker's District; 175 Acres of Moses Terrill, joining James 175; 1050 Acres of Green Hill, joining John Aulton; 200 Acres of Abraham Beamon, joining Richard Braffwell; 958 Acres of Jesse Lee, joining John Baggett; 200 of Balam Johnston, joining Labor Halling. The above Town Lots will be sold, and so much of the above Land as will discharge the Taxes and contingent Charges, if they are not otherwise before the Day of Sale. SAMUEL NEWORTHY, Sheriff of Johnston County. Sep. 7, 1801.

SHERIFFS' SALES. Will be sold, on Tuesday the 10th Day of November next, at Sampson Court House, THE following Lands in Sampson County, taken to satisfy the Taxes due for the Year 1800. 81 Acres on the fourth Side Stewart's Creek, the Property of William Coley, not returned on the Tax List. 100 Acres near Stewart's Creek, the Property of James Cook. No Return. 100 do. on said Creek, the Property of Lucretia Cook. No return made. OWEN GREGORY, Sheriff. Sep. 18.

NOTICE. On the 20th Day of October, will be sold, at the Court-House of Anson County (Wadesborough) THE following Lands, for the Taxes due thereon for the Year 1800: 100 Acres, the Property of Medlin. 200 ditto, granted to Robert Rainey, on the Waters of Jones Creek. 300 Acres, the Property of one Cotton, on the Waters of Gold's Fork. 250 Acres, on the Waters of Black Jack, on Brown Creek; said to be the Property of the Heirs of one Love. 100 Acres, on the Rocky Fork, the Property of the Heirs of William Love. 100 Acres, the Property of the Tame, on the Waters of the Black Jack of Brown Creek. 300 Acres, on the Waters of Thomson's Creek, the Property of the Heirs of one Weaver. 100 Acres, on the Head of one of the Branches of Jones Creek, said to have been patented by one Stokes. 100 Acres, the Property of James Stanfill, on Jones Creek. 200 Acres, the Property of Thomas Barrett, joining Bale's Old Place. 150 Acres, the Property of J. Miller, joining John St. Clair. 150 Acres, the Property of one Smith, joining the said St. Clair. 200 Acres, the Property of T. Mears, lying on the Savannah Branch. JOHN INNINGS, Sheriff. Anson County, Aug. 22.

Will be sold, on the 12th of November next, at the Court-House in Brunswick County, THE following Lands, lying in the said County, for the Payment of Taxes due thereon, for the Year 1800, viz. 60,000 Acres, situate in the Green Swamp, Part whereof was granted to Stephen Williams, and the Remainder to William Collins, now said to be the Property of John G. Blount; and 10,000 Acres, situate in an area adjoining to the Green Swamp, now or late the Property of Daniel Wheaton. URIAH SELLIVAN, Sheriff. Brunswick County, Oct. 10.

On Saturday the 10th Day of November next, will be sold, for ready Money, at the Court-House in the Town of Rockingham, THE following Tracts of Land, or so much thereof as will satisfy the Taxes due thereon, with the Cost of advertising, &c. for the Year 1800, in the County of Richmond, viz. One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Acres, granted unto David Allison, since conveyed by Sheriff John Cole to Tody Robinson and H. W. Harrington, for Taxes, &c. since conveyed by the said Tody Robinson and H. W. Harrington, to a certain — De le Partee, being Parts of eighteen different Tracts. Also, Six Hundred and Forty Acres on the Waters of Mounting Creek, supposed to be the Property of — Parmer; likewise, Three Hundred Acres on the Waters of Hitchcock Creek, supposed to be the Property of Joseph White. The above Lands were not given in to the Inventory-Takers, as by Law required. JOHN WALL, Sheriff Richmond County. Sep. 22, 1801.

At the Court-House in Charlotte, in Mecklenburg County, on Saturday the 7th of December next, THE following Lots in the said Town of Charlotte, the Taxes on which for the Years 1799 and 1800, have not been paid, viz. 1 Lot the Property of the Heirs of John Herron; 1 do. the Property of the Heirs of Robert Micklerorth; 2 do. the Property of the Heirs of Samuel Martin; 1 do. the Property of the Heirs of Joel Breward; 2 do. the Property of the Heirs of Mary Curries. Also 112 Acres of Land on the Waters of Paw Creek, supposed to be the Property of the Heirs of Robert Mitchell; and 40 Acres lying East of Charlotte, joining Land of Widow Malon, the Property of Wm. McGowan, for Taxes due thereon. Sep. 24 JAMES NEEL, Sheriff.

NOTICE. ON the 24th Day of April, 1801, the subscriber purchased a certain Tract of Land, lying on the North Side of Fishing-Creek, containing, by Estimation, 300 Acres, adjoining the Land of James Barnes, from Thomas Sister, of Edgecomb County, for which Land the said Sister has received from me three Notes of hand, viz. one of 225 Dollars and a third, with Interest from the Date, payable the 1st Day of January, 1802; another for 400 Dollars, payable the 1st of January, 1803; with Interest from the Year 1802; another Note for 400 Dollars, payable 1804, no Interest. And as it appears that the said Sister does not possess a legal Right to the above-mentioned Land, I therefore forewarn all Persons from trading or negotiating for the said Notes, in any Manner, as I am determined not to pay any Part of the above-mentioned Notes. WILLIAM DANCY, Edgecomb County, Oct. 7.