To what 1 had suppoce of op the thine I M, orders in this ynco-bow cevo gilbougb they proceqted alone from


 gity chemer and conitinued fom thite miopponent's gaff and colors down, his
mintop-sail yard upon the cap and his fre stenced, athough it was so caark
hayl I could bot discern a ay other parti-
cular injurg we had done or how far he cular injurt we had done or farter harm,
was in a situation o do us fate homent to step, our fire and prevent
the further Effusion of blood, Here> pause of half a minute or more took
place, at the tne of which, our adversary not shewing a further disposition to
fire, I hailed and again asked is What fire, 1 halen that? I learoed, for the first Majesty's but, owing to its blowing ra-
ther frester than it liad done, I was un able to learn her name. After having informed her commander of the name
of this ship, I gave orders to wear, ran
under tis lee and haut by the wind on

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 ber of lighterent tacks, with a numadversary might the better discern our position, and command our assistance,
in case he found it necessary during th night. At day light on the 17 th, he was
discovered several miles to leeward, discovered several miles to leeward, ing him I sent a boat on board with Lieit. Creighton, to learn the names of
the ship and her commander, with i the ship and her corimander, with Gi-
recions to ascertain the damage she had rections to ascertain the damage she hanty on my part, which had led to such an unhappy result; at the same itime to
offer all the assistance that the ship under my command aforded, in repairing
the damages his had sustained. At 9
A. M. Lieut. Creighton returned with A, M. Lieut, Creighton returned with
information, that it was his Britannic Majesty's ship Little Belt, commanded by Cuptain-Bingham-; who, in a polite
masiner declined the acceptance of any assistance it saying, at the same time,
that he had on board all the necessary
requisites to repair the damages, suff. requisites to repair the camages, suff
ciently to enable him to return to Hali-
This however was not the most un
pleasant part of Capt. Bingham's. com pleasant part of Captreighton, as he in-
munction to Lt. Creig.
formed him, that, in addiuion to the injury his ship had sustained, between 20
and 30 of bis crew had been killed and wounded, The regret that this information cau sed me, was such, you may be sure, a a man might be expected to feel, whose
greatest pride is to prove, without osrentation, by every public as well as pri-
vate act vate act, that he possesses a humane
and generous heart ; and with these sentiments, believe me, sir, that such a
communication would cause me the most acute pain during the remainder
of my life, had I not the consolation to
know that there was no alternative lefl me between such a sacrifice, and one
which would have beet still greater, which would have beep still greater
namely, to have remained a passive spectator of insult tothe flag of my coun-
try, whilst it was confided to my pro-tectuon- and I would have you to be con-
vnced, sir, that however much individually 1 may previously have had rea-
son to feel incensed at the repeated out-
rages committed on our flag by British rages committed on our Hag by Britis
ships of war, neither my passions nor
prejudices had any agency in chis affair To my country, Fam well convince of the importance of the transaction wity of making you this communication; I must, thereiore, from motives of dell cacy, connected with personal conside
rataons, solict that y you will be please formal enquiry to be instituted into al the circumstances as well as into etery
part of my conduct connected with the
The injury sustained by the ship unto the fore and mam masts, which ibe fore mentioned; to person killed, and
but one (a boy) wounded but one (a boy) wounded.
For further particulars I refer you to
Capt. Caldwell, who is charged with the delivery of this communication. 1 have the honor to be, Your obedient ser vant \#om PaUL Haytuto John RODGERS. aphrave tanly See. of the Javy. It is understood that Com, Rodgers immediately from Annapolis, and re spme his former station, cruizing along the coast, as before, for the purpose o
guarding our martime jarsstiction from







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to oe navigible to a point, from, whenceeth
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his interesting couniry, thal 1 conid not hese cursory sketches. I wair with mppa
ence for the appearance of that miporra
w Ik, Lewis and Clark's tour to the Pacife These himis ar do little more that give a
idea of hhe miagnitbde of the subteot.
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uspell on account of the lujury she sus
taped, is that I should have been domay e wese of hererine chor fice of
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sail. At haif past t the symmexy
Her upper sails (which were it this tum ger upper subs (whom our deck) and her
making sighble from, shewed her to be a nan
of wat. At vorty-five minutes past I
 1 found we wele coming up with her
by thas ume the $\mu$ pper part of her stern
began to shew tseif abe to the horizon. The wind now began, and conunue gradually to decrease, so as o prevent
my being able to approanh her suff-
oienty before ioset, to discover her ac: tual force (whith the position she pre-
served during the chase was calculated to conceal) or to judge even to what tha-
tion she belonged ; as she appeared studiously to dechine shewitg ber colors.
At fifteen or twenty maniutes past $7, P$.
in M. the chase to ck in uer siudting sails,
and soon after hauled up her courses, and hauled by the wind on the starbod
tack; sheat the same ume hoisted an ensign or flag at her mizen Peak; but
it was too dark for me to discover what nation $1 t$ represented; pow for the firs
time her broad side was piesented to our view; but night had so far progres
sed, that although her appearance indi-
cated she was a frigate, I was unable to determine her actual force.
At fifteen minutes before 8 P. M. be
ing about a mile and a half from her, the wind at the time very light, I direct-
ed Capt. Ludlow to take a position to Windward of her and on the same lack,
within short speaking distance. This
howewer the commander of the chase appeared from his manceuvres to be
anxious to prevent, as he wore and hauled by the wiadon different tacks four times successively between this period
and the time of our arraving at the po At fifteen or twenty minutes past 8, be
ing a little forward of her weather bean and distant from seventy to a hundred
yards, I hailed "what ship is that?" to this enquiry no answer was given, out
I was hailed by her commander and asked "what ship is that?" Having ask ed tre .irst quescoit
dered myself entited by the common
rules of politeness to the first answer rufes of poinsen fifteen or twenty se.
after a pause of
conds, I reiterated my first enquiry of conds, reiterated my hrst enquiry of
"what ship is that," and before I had
ume to take was answered by a shot, that cut off one
of our maintop-nast breast back stays and went into our mainmast-at this instant Capt. Caldwell , of marines) who
was standing very near to me on the fired at us" caused me to pause for a moment just as I was in the act of giv-
ing anorder to firea shot in return; and
before I had time to resume the repetibefore I had time to resume the repet
tion of the intended order, a shot was actually fired from the second divisi of this ship; and was scarcely out ou
the gun before it was answered fiom ou assumed enemy by three othersin quick
succession, and soon after the rest of his broadside and musketry, When the
first shot was fired, being under an impression, that it might possibly have proceected from hiccident and withou
the oiders of die Commander, 1 had determined at the moment to fire only singla shot in return, but the immed. ed outrage, induced me to believe that
the insult was premeditated, and that from our adversary being at the time igrigrant of our real force as 1 was o
his, he thought this, perhaps, a favorable opportumity of acquiring promo
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cordingly with that degree of repug coraingly with that cicgree ofy depur
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mined neither to be the aggressor, or to mined nether to be pe giressor, or to
suffer the flag of my country to be in-
moter sulked with innpunity, gave e general or
der to fire ; the effect of which, in from der to fire ; the effect of which, in from
four to six minutes, as near as. I can judge, haviog produced a parnal silence
of his gunis, I gare orders
disco cease fring, inscovering by the teeble opposition that

