

No. III.

Statement made by the Secretary to the Capitan Bey, in the Port of Navarin, Oct. 21st, 1827.

3 Turkish line of battle ships; 1 Turkish Admiral. 84 guns, 850 men, 650 killed; 1 do 34 guns 850 men; 1 do. 76 guns. 850 men, 400 killed. 4 Egyptian double banked frigates—64 guns each, from 450 to 500 men. 16 Turkish frigates—48 guns, from 450 to 500 men. 18 Turkish corvettes. 8 Egyptian do—18 to 24 guns, 200 men. 4 Turkish brigs, 8 Egyptian do.—19 guns, from 130 to 150 men. 5 Egyptian fire vessels. 35 000 Egyptian troops in the Morea, 4000 of whom came with the above ships.

No. IV.

As the squadrons of the Allied Powers did not enter Navarin with an hostile intention, but only to renew to the commanders of the Turkish fleet, propositions which were to the advantage of the Grand Seigneur himself, it is not our intention to destroy what ships of the Ottoman navy may remain now that so signal a vengeance has been taken for the first cannon shot which has been ventured to be fired on the allied flags.

We send, therefore, one of the Turkish Captains fallen into our hands as a prisoner, to make known to Ibrahim Pacha, Monharem Bey, Tahir Pacha, and Capitan Bey, as well as to all the other Turkish Chiefs that if one single musket or cannon shot be again fired on a ship or boat of the Allied Powers, we shall immediately destroy all the remaining vessels, as well as the forts of Navarin, and that we shall consider such new act of hostility as a formal declaration of the Porte against the three Allied Powers, and of which the Grand seignor and his Pachas must suffer the terrible consequences.

But if the Turkish chiefs, acknowledging the aggression they have committed by commencing the firing, abstain from any act of hostility, we shall resume those terms of good understanding which they have themselves interrupted. In this case, they will have the white flag hoisted on all the forts before the end of this day. We demand a categorical answer, without evasions, before sun set.

Signed by the English, French, and Russian Admirals.

[No. V. is a copy of a letter from Admiral Codrington to Rear Admiral Count Heiden, commander of the Russian squadron, thanking the Rear Admiral for his confidence in placing his fleet under his (Admiral Codrington's) orders, and paying a high compliment to the skill and bravery of the Russian commander, his officers and men. No. VI. is a copy of a similar letter to the French commander. No. VII. is a copy of the reply of the French commander.]

No. VIII.

Syrene, at Navarin, Oct. 23, 1827.

Sir,—I hasten to do myself the honour to inform your Excellency, from a detailed report made by Captain Hugon, of the Armide, that the excellent manœuvre of Captain Davies, when the Rose came and resolutely cast her anchor within pistol shot of two Turkish corvettes, relieved the Armide in a few minutes from her unfavourable position; and it is my duty, and at the same time a great pleasure to me, to assure your Excellency, that on this occasion Captain Davies did every thing that could be expected from a brave and experienced officer.

Allow me also to take this opportunity of returning my thanks to Captain Fellowes for the assistance which the Syrene received from the boats of the Dartmouth, when, with much skill and bravery, they

attacked and turned off the fire ships ready to come down upon us. I am, with the highest consideration, your very faithful servant.

(Signed)

H. DE RIGNY, Rear Admiral. His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, commanding his Britannic Majesty's squadron.

A Return of Officers and Men killed and wounded on board His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under the command of Vice Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, K. C. B., &c. &c., in an Action with the Turkish Fleet, in Navarin Harbour, 20th October, 1827.

ASIA.

Killed... Captain G. A. Bell, R. M.; Mr. William Smith (2.) Master; Mr. Philip Dumaresq, Supernumerary Mate; Mr. John Lewis (a.) Boatswain; Mr. Peter Mitchel, Pilot; 8 seamen; 6 Royal Marines. Total killed... 19.

Wounded severely... Mr. H. J. Codrington, Midshipman; Mr. W. V. Lee, Midshipman, Mr. R. H. Bunbury, Volunteer of 1st class; Mr. C. Wakeham, Supernumerary Clerk; 26 seamen; 2 royal marines.

Wounded slightly... Hon. Lieut. Col. Craddock, passenger; Mr. Henry S. Dyer, Admiral's Secretary; 16 seamen; 7 royal marines. Total wounded 57.

ALBION.

Killed—Captain J. C. Stevens, R. M.; Mr. Edward R. Foster, Volunteer of 2d class; 7 seamen; 1 royal marine. Total killed—10.

Wounded severely... Mr. Wm. Lloyd, Mate; M. Fred. Gray, Midshipman; Mr. Thomas Addington, Boatswain; 16 seamen; 4 royal marines.

Wounded slightly... Commander J. N. Campbell; Lieut. J. G. D'Urden; Rev. E. Windsor, Chaplain; Mr. W. F. O'Kane, Assistant Surgeon; Mr. James Stewart, Clerk; 20 seamen; 2 royal marines. Total wounded... 50.

GENOA.

Killed... Captain Walter Parthurst; Mr. Peter Brown, Midshipman; Mr. Charles Bussell, Midshipman; Mr. A. J. F. Rowe, Master's Assistant; 13 seamen; 9 royal marines. Total killed, 26.

Wounded severely... Captain Thomas Moore, R. M.; Mr. Herbert B. Gray, Midshipman; 7 seamen; 5 royal marines.

Wounded slightly... Lieutenant Henry R. Sturt; Mr. James Chambers, Volunteer, 2d class; 13 seamen; 4 royal marines. Total wounded, 33.

DARTMOUTH.

Killed... Lieutenant G. W. H. Fitzroy; Mr. Brown Smyth, Midshipman; 3 seamen; 1 royal marine. Total killed, 6.

Wounded severely... Mr. Launcelot Harrison, Mate; 3 seamen; 1 royal marine.

Wounded slightly... Lieutenant Spencer Smyth; 1 seaman; 1 royal marine. Total wounded, 8.

GLASGOW.

Killed... None.

Wounded slightly... 2 seamen. Total wounded, 2.

TALBOT.

Killed... Mr. W. J. Goldfinch, Volunteer of 1st class; 5 seamen. Total killed, 9.

Wounded severely... Mr. John Dellamore, acting schoolmaster; Mr. Joseph Gay, Admiralty Clerk; 3 seamen.

Wounded slightly... Lieutenant R. S. Hay, Mr. Alexander Cotton, College Midshipman; 7 seamen; 3 royal marines. Total wounded, 17.

CAMBRIAN.

Killed... Lieutenant Phillip Sturgson, R. M. Total killed, 1.

Wounded severely... 1 royal marine. Total wounded, 1.

PHILOMEL.

Killed... 1 royal marine. Total killed, 1.

Wounded severely... 3 seamen. Wounded slightly... 3 seamen, 1 royal marine. Total wounded, 7.

ROSE.

Killed... 3 seamen. Total killed, 3.

Wounded severely... Lieutenant M. Lyons, Mr. Douglas Curry, Midshipman; 6 seamen.

Wounded slightly... Mr. Williams, 6 seamen. Total wounded 15

BRISK.

Killed... Mr. Henry Campling, Purser. Total killed, 1.

Wounded severely... 1 seaman. Wounded slightly... Mr. John Isaac, Surgeon; 1 seaman. Total wounded, 3.

MUSQUITO.

Killed... 2 seamen. Total killed, 2.

Wounded severely... 4 seamen. Total wounded, 4.

Total killed, 75. Total wounded, 197.

No. X.

A Return of the number of the Killed and Wounded on board His Most Christian Majesty's ships at Navarin, the 20th of October, 1827.

Officers... 3 killed; 1 wounded severely; 2 wounded.

Syrene frigate... 21 killed; 26 wounded severely; 10 wounded.

Scipio, of the line... 2 killed; 19 wounded severely; 17 wounded.

Trident, ditto... 2 wounded severely; 5 wounded.

Breslaw, ditto... 1 killed; 7 wounded severely; 7 wounded.

N. B. Captain La Bretonniere, of this ship, has been wounded.

Armide, frigate... 14 killed; 7 wounded severely; 12 wounded.

Alcyone, brig... 1 killed; 7 wounded severely; 2 wounded.

Daphne, schooner... 1 killed; 4 wounded severely; 4 wounded.

Total, 43 killed; 79 severely wounded; 65 wounded.

(Signed) H. DE RIGNY.

Rear-Admiral, commanding the Squadron.

On board the Syrene, at Navarin, Oct. 21, 1827.

The battle was fought at anchor, and was necessarily bloody and destructive. The following is a synopsis of the forces:—

FRENCH OFFICIAL ACCOUNT. Paris, Nov. 8.

We have received the following news from our squadron in the Archipelago, dated Oct. 22.

On the 20th, at noon, the wind being favourable, signals were made to prepare for action; every one took his post, the English Admiral's ship the Asia, leading followed by the Albion and the Genoa; the Syrene frigate bearing the flag of Admiral de Rigny, the Scipio, the Trident, and the Breslaw; then the Russian Admiral Count Heiden, followed by three ships of the line and four frigates.

The Turks had formed a crescent on the contour of the bay, in a triple line, making a total of three ships of the line, a razee, sixteen frigates, twenty-seven large corvettes, and as many brigs.

The principal force was assembled towards the right on entering, and composed of four large frigates, two ships of the line, a large frigate, a ship of the line, three frigates of various sizes finishing the line and strengthened in the second line by corvettes and brigs.

Six fire ships were placed at the extremities of the crescent, to be able to fall upon the combined squadrons, if an engagement should take place, and to the windward of which they were naturally placed.

The English frigate Dartmouth, Capt. Fellowes, had been sent to Navarin, two days before, with a letter to Ibrahim from the three Admirals; but this letter had been sent back without answer, under the pretence that Ibrahim was not present.

At 2 o'clock the Asia entered the port, and had passed the batteries at half past 2; it anchored alongside the Turkish Admiral, and was followed by the other English ships.

The Syrene followed, and at 25 minutes past two Captain Robert anchored at within pistol shot of the first frigate of the Turkish line; at this moment a boat, belonging to the Dartmouth, came near one of the fire ships, near which that frigate had cast anchor a few minutes before, when a musket shot from this fire ship killed the English officer who commanded the boat. The Syrene was then so near the fire ship, that it might have sunk it, if it could have been done without endangering the English boat: the Dartmouth then opened a fire of musketry at the fire ship, in order to cover its boats. Almost at the same minute the Syrene was yard arm and yard arm with the Egyptian double banked frigate. The Esnina, Admiral De Rigny, hailed it with the speaking trumpet, saying that if it did not fire, he would not fire at it; at the same instant two cannon shots were fired from one of the vessels which were astern of the Syrene, on board of which a man was killed; the other appeared to be directed against the Dartmouth. The battle now began.

It is to be observed, that almost at the same time that this was passing at the entrance, Admiral Codrington sent a boat towards the vessel bearing the Admiral's flag, and that the English pilot was killed by a musket shot on board the boat with the flag of truce.

The battle soon became general, the Russians had to support the fire of the forts, which only began to fire upon the fifth vessel, which was the Trident. At five o'clock in the afternoon, the first line of the Turks was destroyed... the ships of the line, and frigates cut down, sunk, or burned; the remainder ran upon the coast where the enemy themselves set fire to them.

Of this formidable armament, there remain afloat only about 20 corvettes and brigs, and even these are abandoned.

Thus has been fulfilled the threat held out to Ibrahim, that if a cannon was fired upon the Allied flags, the fate of the whole fleet would be at stake.

Ibrahim was not present: for this fortnight past he has been laying waste the Morea, rooting up the olives, vines, fig-trees, &c.

In this unforeseen engagement there were some vessels, which, by their position, have suffered more than the others: what is certain is, that in each squadron all have rivalled each other in doing their duty.

His Majesty's brig the Armide, which, at the beginning of the action was placed with the English frigate the Talbot, at the left extremity of the crescent, was exposed;