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OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

Copy of a letter from Capt. Johnson Blakeley to the Secretary of the Navy.

U. S. Sloop Wasp, }  
L'Orient, 8th July, 1814.

SIR—On Tuesday the 28th ult. being then in lat. 48, 36, N. and lon. 11, 15, W. we fell in with, engaged, and after an action of nineteen minutes, captured his Britannic Majesty's sloop of war the Reindeer, William Manners, Esq. commander.—Annexed are the minutes of our proceeding on that day, prior to and during the continuance of the action.

Where all did their duty and each appeared anxious to excel, it is difficult to discriminate. It is, however, only rendering them their merited due, when it is declared of Lieuts. Reily and Bury, 1st and 3d of this vessel, and whose names will be found among those of the conquerors of the Guerrier and the Java; and of Mr. Tiltinghast, ad Lt. who was greatly instrumental in the capture of the Boxer; that their conduct and courage on this occasion fulfilled the highest expectation and gratified every wish. Sailing-Master Carr is also entitled to great credit for the zeal and ability with which he discharged his various duties.

The cool and patient conduct of every officer and man while exposed to the fire of the shifting gun of the enemy, and without an opportunity of returning it, could only be equalled by the animation and ardor exhibited when actually engaged, or by the promptitude and firmness with which every attempt of the enemy to board was met and successfully repelled. Such conduct may be seen, but cannot well be described.

The Reindeer mounted sixteen 24 lb. carronades, two long 6 or 9 pounders, and a shifting 12 lb. carronade, with a complement on board of one hundred and eighteen men. Her crew were said to be the pride of Plymouth.

Our loss in men has been severe, owing in part to the proximity of the two vessels and the extreme smoothness of the sea, but chiefly in repelling boarders. That of the enemy, however, was infinitely more so, as will be seen by the list of killed and wounded on both sides.

Six round shot struck our hull, and many grape which did not penetrate far. The foremast received a 24 lb. shot, which passed through its centre, and our rigging and sails were a good deal injured.

The Reindeer was literally cut to pieces in a line with her ports; her upper works, boats and spare spars were one complete wreck. A breeze springing up the next afternoon, her foremast went by the board.

Having received all the prisoners on board, which from the number of wounded occupied much time, together with their baggage, the Reindeer was on the evening of the 29th set on fire, and in a few hours blew up. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your most obedient servant.

J. BLAKELEY.

Hon. Wm. Jones, Secretary of the Navy.

Minutes of the action between the United States' S. Wasp, and H. B. M. S. Reindeer on the 28th June 1814, Lat. 48, 36, N. Long. 11, 15, W.

At 4, A. M. light breezes and cloudy; at 1.4 after 4 discovered, two sails, two points before the lee beam, kept away in chase shortly after discovered one sail, on the weather beam; altered her course and hauled by in chase of the sail to windward. At 8 sail to windward bore E. N. E. wind very light; at 10 the stranger sail bearing E. by N. hoisted an English ensign and pendant, and displayed a signal at the main (blue and yellow diagonally.) Meridian, light airs and clouds; at half past 12, P. M. the enemy shewed a blue and white flag, diagonally, at the fore, and fired a gun, 1 h. 15 m. called all hands to quarters and prepared for action, 1 h. 22 m. believing we could weather the enemy, tacked ship and stood for him, 1 h. 50 m. the enemy tacked ship and stood

from us, 1 h. 55 m. hoisted our colors and fired a gun to windward, which was answered by the enemy with another to windward, 2 h. 20 m. the enemy still standing from us—set the royals, 2 h. 25 m. set the flying jib, 2 h. 29 m. set upper stay sails, 2 h. 32 m. the enemy having tacked for us, took in the stay sails, 2 h. 47 m. lurled the royals, 2 h. 51 m. seeing that the enemy would be able to weather us, tacked ship, 3 h. 3 m. the enemy hoisted his flying jib; brailed up our mizen, 3 h. 15 m. the enemy on our weather quarter, distant about 60 yards, fired his shifting gun, a 12 pound carronade at us, loaded with round and grape shot, from his top gallant fore castle, 3 h. 17 m. fired the same a second time, 3 h. 19 m. fired it a third time, 3 h. 21 m. fired it a fourth time, 3 h. 34 m. a fifth shot, all from the same gun. Finding the enemy did not get sufficiently on the beam to enable us to bring our guns to bear, put the helm a lee, and at 26 minutes after 3, commenced the action with the alter carronade on the starboard side, and fired in succession, 3 h. 4 m. hauled up the main sail, 3 h. 40 m. the enemy having his larboard bow in contact with our larboard quarter endeavored to board us, but was repulsed in every attempt—at 3 h. 44 m. orders were given to board in turn, which were promptly executed, when all resistance immediately ceased, and at 3 h. 45 m. the enemy hauled down his flag.

J. BLAKELEY.

List of killed and wounded on board the U. States' sloop of war the Wasp, Johnson Blakeley, Esq. commander, in action with His Britannic Majesty's sloop of war the Reindeer, on the 28th June, 1814.

Killed—Timothy Stephens, Thomas R. Peel, seamen; Joseph Vorse, Thomas Knight, John Brown, 2d, a seaman.

Wounded—Henry S. Langdon, mid. dangerously; Frank Toscan, do. do.; John Sweet, master's mate, slightly; William Thompson, boatswain's mate, severely; John Dick, gr. master, do; Nathl. Scammon, seaman, do; Jotham Perkins, do. dangerously (since dead); William Preston, do. slightly; Charles Green, do. dangerously (since dead); Charles Clinton, do. slightly; Andrew Passenger, do. severely; John Rowe, do. slightly; Joseph Atkins, do. dangerously (since dead); Robert Lowther, do. slightly; Merrel Roberts, do. do.; Robert Jarvis, a seaman, severely; Henry Herbert, do. dangerously; Simoa Cassalis, do. severely; John C. Thurston, do. dangerously; Caleb Wheeden, do. severely; John Ball, boy, dangerously (since dead.)

RECAPITULATION.

Killed . . . . . 5  
Wounded . . . . . 21

List of killed and wounded on board His Britannic Majesty's sloop of war the Reindeer, in action with the United States' sloop of war the Wasp, on the 28th June, 1814.

Killed—William Manners, Esq. commander; John Thos. Barton, purser; and 23 petty officers and seamen.

Wounded—Thomas Chambers, 1st lieutenant; Richard Johns, master; and 40 petty officers and seamen.

RECAPITULATION.

Killed . . . . . 5  
Wounded . . . . . 10  
Dangerously . . . . . 10  
Severely . . . . . 17  
Slightly . . . . . 15

Whole number wounded . . . . . 42

N. B. More than half the wounded were, in consequence of the severity and extent of their wounds, put on board a Portuguese brig called the Lisbon Packet, on the third day after the action, to wit, the 1st July, bound to Plymouth, England.

BOSTON, October 28.

Highly Important Arrival

Arrived, at ———, on Wednesday, the Am. schr. Sally, (280 tons) capt. Van Allen, of N. York, four months and a half from Canton with a cargo of Silks, teas, &c. valued at 530,000 dollars belonging to Mintrin and Champlin of N. York.

More Goods!—The privateer brig Harpy, capt. Nichols, has returned from a short cruise of 20 days with a cargo of dry goods. We learn she has taken three ships and a brig.

We since learn, the Harpy has captured two ships, laden with flour, rum, gin, wine, &c. &c. a brig with dry goods, and some jewellery, (all said to belong to the fleet which sailed from Portsmouth Sept. 1.) bound to Halifax or Quebec; and a schr. in ballast, which was destroyed. On board the latter was capt. Barfs, formerly of the Liverpool Packet, who broke his parole some time since.

The Harpy brought in about 60 packages of dry goods, and between 60 and 70 prisoners, including, it is said, several officers. The vessels were captured between Newfoundland and Halifax. The ships are said to be transports.

The Harpy is owned in Baltimore and N. York. She was chased all day on Wednesday by a frigate.

Schr. Dolphin, Thompson, hence for Baltimore in ballast has been captured in Well's Bay, and sent to Halifax. She was taken on her passage up and ransomed.

The private armed schr. David-Porter, Fish, of this port, sailed from N. Bedford on Monday last, on a cruise.

The private armed brig Expedition, Cayton, and schr. Syren, Daniel, both of Baltimore, have lately failed on a cruise—the former from New-Orleans, the latter from N. York.

The privateer Com. Perry, failed from N. York, 23d inst. on a cruise.

It is said, that the convoy (out of which several were taken, by the Lacedemonian, &c.) which last sailed from Savannah for St. Mary's, consisted of forty-six sail. Those vessels which got captured, were laden with cotton, rice, flour, &c.. The stoppage of the trade of St. Mary's and Amelia, will be a very serious inconvenience to the neutral vessels running thence for Europe.

Rich Prize.—The British ship James, prize to the privateer Portsmouth, arrived at P. on Wednesday morning—captured 21 days previous. She has a cargo of dry goods, wine, gin, rum, &c. together with 80 bbls. gun-powder and clothing for the soldiers in Canada. Her cargo, when she left England, was invoiced at 100,000 pounds, stvl. (about 445,000 dollars,) a part of which was taken out by the privateer, and brought in. The James has spoken nothing since her capture, and seen no cruisers. She is unquestionably the richest prize which has been brought in since the commencement of hostilities.

The James is 290 tons, and has a quantity of teas, and hard-ware in. Captains Manning and Hopkins are prize-masters.

The cartel ship Fingal, capt. Stanton, failed from N. York on Sunday last, for Havre-de-Grace, with 120 passengers. Mr. Purviance, bearer of dispatches for our Commissioners at Ghent, went out in this ship. The Fingal was to stop at Amboy, to take on board Col. Barclay.

QUEBEC, Oct. 27, 1814.

Accounts were received in town by yesterday's Post, that the Americans cannonaded Gen. Drummond's position on the 15th inst. and retired in the evening. The enemy if he is in a state to effect any thing on the Niagara frontier, will probably attempt it before the arrival of the Fleet and Reinforcements, which failed from Kingston on the 16th.

The Halifax papers furnish a British account of the late operations in the vicinity of Baltimore. The loss of our forces at Bladensburg and Baltimore, is stated at not more than 547 killed and wounded.

The force under Gen. Ross was evidently insufficient for success at Baltimore, particularly after the time which it must be supposed unavoidably elapsed subsequently to the capture of Washington. The death of Gen. Ross will be a subject of national grief.

He was one of those gallant commanders, who, under the illustrious Wellington, so materially contributed to support the fame of Britain, and restore peace to Europe.

A Halifax paper, on this occasion, bursts out in declamations against the British Ministry, which it is pleased to denominate "perverse, ignorant and infatuated;" not forgetting the commander in Chief of British North America, who, here and elsewhere, it must be expected will always come in for a share of the abuse of those who, in their own opinion, are much less "perverse, ignorant and infatuated," than the British Ministry and much more able to direct the affairs of the nation and the war. We shall think it fortunate if these Gentlemen long continue to spare the Prince Regent, the Parliament and People, who support these "perverse, ignorant and infatuated" Ministers and Commanders. Excepting in very particular circumstances, we are willing that they should be invested with "the money," and "blow on whom they please." This we may say in charity, and for the love of peace, for, like Katherine, who, however, was tamed at last, they say "speak I will."

"My tongue will tell the anger of my heart;  
Or else my heart, concealing it will break;  
And rather than it shall, I will be free  
Even to the uttermost, as I please, in words."

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H. GILBERT, } Administrators.  
THOMAS H. GILBERT, }  
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