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ROBERT CALDER, Esq; First Captain to Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B. arrived this Morning with Dispatches from him to Mr. Nepean, of which the following are Copies.

Victory, in Lagos Bay, February 16, 1797.

S I-R, ---

THE Hopes of falling in with the Spanish Fleet, expressed in my Letter to you of the 13th Instant, were confirmed that Night, by our distinctly hearing the Report of their Signal Guns, and by Intelligence received from Captain Foote, of His Majesty's Ship the Niger, who had, with equal Judgment and Perseverance, kept Company with them for several Days, on my prescribed Rendezvous, (which, from the strong South-East Winds, I had never been able to reach) and that they were not more than the Distance of Three or Four Leagues from us. I anxiously awaited the Dawn of Day, when, being on the Starboard Tack; Cape St. Vincent bearing East by North Eight Leagues, I had the Satisfaction of seeing a Number of Ships extending from South-West to South, the Wind then at West and by South. At Forty-nine Minutes past Ten, the Weather being extremely hazy, La Bonne Citoyenne made the Signal that the Ships seen were of the Line, Twenty-five in Number. His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, consisting of the Fifteen Ships of the Line named in the

* *Victory,*
Britannia,
Batfeur,
Prince George,
Blenheim,
Namur,
Captain,
Goliath,
Excellent,
Orion,
Colossus,
Egmont,
Culloden,
Irresistible,
Diadem,

in departing from the regular System; and passing through their Fleet, in a Line formed with the utmost Celerity, tacked, and thereby separated One-third from the main Body, after a partial Connonade, which prevented their Rejunction till the Evening; and by the very great Exertions of the Ships which had the good Fortune to arrive up with the Enemy on the Larboard Tack, the Ships named in the Margin * were captured, and the

* *Salvador* Guns
del Mundo, 112
San Josef, 112
San Nicolas, 80
San Ysidro, 74

Margin, * happily formed in the most compact Order of Sailing, in Two Lines. By carrying a Press of Sail I was fortunate in getting in with the Enemy's Fleet at Half past Eleven o'Clock, before it had Time to connect, and form a regular Order of Battle. Such a Moment was not to be lost; and, confident in the Skill, Valour and Discipline of the Officers and Men I had the Happiness to command, and judging that the Honor of His Majesty's Arms and the Circumstances of the War in these Seas required a considerable Degree of Enterprize, I felt myself justified in departing from the regular System; and passing through their Fleet, in a Line formed with the utmost Celerity, tacked, and thereby separated One-third from the main Body, after a partial Connonade, which prevented their Rejunction till the Evening; and by the very great Exertions of the Ships which had the good Fortune to arrive up with the Enemy on the Larboard Tack, the Ships named in the Margin * were captured, and the Action ceased about Five o'Clock in the Evening.

I enclose the most correct List I have been able to obtain of the Spanish Fleet opposed to me, amounting to Twenty-seven Sail

of the Line, and an Account of the Killed and Wounded in His Majesty's Ships, as well as in those taken from the Enemy. The Moment the latter (almost totally dismasted) and His Majesty's Ships the Captain and Culloden are in a State to put to Sea I shall avail myself of the first favourable Wind to proceed off Cape St. Vincent in my Way to Lisbon.

Captain Calder, whose able Assistance has greatly contributed to the Publick Service during my Command, is the Bearer of this, and will more particularly describe to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the Movements of the Squadron on the 14th, and the present State of it.

I am, Sir, &c. J. JERVIS.

List of the Spanish Fleet opposed to the British, the 14th of February, 1797.

| | Guns. |
|----------------------|-------|
| Santissima Trinidad | 130 |
| Mexicana | 112 |
| Principe de Asturias | 112 |

| | Guns. |
|------------------------|------------|
| Concepcion | 112 |
| Conde de Regla | 112 |
| Salvador del Mundo | 112 taken. |
| San Josef | 112 taken. |
| San Nicolas | 84 taken. |
| Oriente | 74 |
| Glorioso | 74 |
| Atlante | 74 |
| Conquistador | 74 |
| Sóberano | 74 |
| Firme | 74 |
| Pelayo | 74 |
| San Geñaro | 74 |
| San Ildephonso | 74 |
| San Juan Nepomuceno | 74 |
| San Francisco de Paula | 74 |
| San Isidro | 74 taken. |
| San Antonio | 74 |
| San Pablo | 74 |
| San Firmin | 74 |
| Neptuna | 74 |
| Bahama | 74 |
| Name unknown | 74 |
| Name unknown | 74 |

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LIST of Killed and Wounded in the Squadron under the Command of Admiral Sir John Jervis in the Action with the Spanish Fleet the 14th of February, 1797.

| SHIPS NAMES. | COMMANDERS. | KILLED. | | | | WOUNDED. | | | | Total Killed and Wounded |
|----------------|---|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| | | Officers. | Seamen. | Marines. | Soldiers. | Officers. | Seamen. | Marines. | Soldiers. | |
| Victory, | { Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B. First Captain Robert Calder, Second Captain George Grey, | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | 3 | — | 6 |
| Britannia, | { Vice-Admiral Thompson, Captain Thomas Foley, | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 |
| Barfleur, | { Vice-Adm. Hon. W. Waldegrave, Captain James Richard Dacres, | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | — | — | 7 |
| Prince George, | { Rear-Admiral Parker, Captain John Irwin, | — | 7 | 1 | — | — | 7 | — | — | 15 |
| Blenheim, | { Captain Thomas Lenox Frederick, | — | 10 | — | 2 | 2 | 40 | — | 7 | 61 |
| Namur, | { Captain James H. Whitshed, | — | 2 | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | 7 |
| Captain, | { Commodore Nelson, Captain R. W. Miller, | 1 | 20 | — | 3 | 2 | 50 | — | 4 | 80 |
| Goliath, | { Captain Sir C. H. Knowles, | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 4 | — | 8 |
| Excellent, | { Captain C. Collingwood, | 1 | 8 | 2 | — | — | 10 | 2 | — | 23 |
| Orion, | { Captain Sir James Saumarez, | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 2 | — | 9 |
| Coloffus, | { Captain George Murray, | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | — | 5 |
| Egmont, | { Captain John Sutton, | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Culloden, | { Captain Thomas Troubridge, | 1 | 7 | 2 | — | — | 39 | 8 | — | 57 |
| Irresistible, | { Captain George Martin, | — | 4 | 1 | — | 1 | 12 | 1 | — | 19 |
| Diadem, | { Captain G. H. Towry, | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 2 |
| | | 3 | 59 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 189 | 21 | 12 | 300 |

OFFICERS killed and wounded.

- Blenheim, Mr. Edward Libby, acting Lieutenant, wounded.
- Mr. Peacock, Boatswain, wounded.
- Captain, Mr. Joseph Wixon, Master's Mate, wounded. Since dead.
- Major William Norris, Marines, killed.
- Mr. James Godench, Midshipman, killed.
- Commodore Nelson, bruised, but not obliged to quit the Deck.
- Mr. Carrington, Boatswain, wounded in boarding the San Nicolas.
- Mr. Thomas Lund, Midshipman, wounded.
- Excellent, Mr. Peter Peffers, Boatswain, killed.
- Mr. Edward Augustus Down, Masters' Mate, wounded.
- Orion, Mr. Thomas Mansel, Midshipman, wounded.
- Culloden, Mr. G. A. Livingstone, Lieutenant of Marines, killed.
- Irresistible, Serjeant Watson, Marines, killed.
- Mr. Andrew Thompson, Lieutenant, wounded.
- Mr. Hugh M'Kinnon, Master's Mate, wounded.
- Mr. William Balfour, Midshipman, wounded.

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LIST of the Killed and Wounded on Board the Spanish Ships, taken by the Squadron under the Command of Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B. on the 14th of February, 1797.

| Ships Names, | | Killed. | Wounded: |
|--------------------|--|---------|----------|
| San Ysidro | Officers - - - - - | 4 | 8 |
| | Artillerists, Seamen, and Soldiers - - - | 25 | 55 |
| | | 29 | 63 |
| Salvador del Mundo | Officers - - - - - | 5 | 3 |
| | Artillerists, Seamen, and Soldiers - - - | 37 | 121 |
| | | 42 | 124 |
| San Nicolas | Officers - - - - - | 4 | 8 |
| | Artillerists, Seamen, and Soldiers - - - | 140 | 51 |
| | | 144 | 59 |
| San José | Officers - - - - - | 2 | 5 |
| | Artillerists, Seamen, and Soldiers - - - | 44 | 91 |
| | | 46 | 96 |
| | Killed - - - - - | 261 | |
| | Wounded - - - - - | 342 | |
| | Total - - - - - | 603 | |

Note,——Among the Killed is the General Don Francisco Xavier Winthuyfen, *Cbef D'Escadre.*

Victory in Lagos Bay, February 16, 1797.

S I R,

I Enclose a Letter received from Captain Marsh, of His Majesty's Sloop the King's Fisher, whose Services off Oporto merit my highest Approbation.

I am, SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

J. JERVIS.

Evan Nepean, Esq;

King's Fisher, off Oporto, January 28, 1797.

S I R,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you that on the 23d Instant I fell in with Two Spanish Privateers; One of which, a Lugger, mounting One Carriage Gun, and manned with Thirty-eight Men, I captured,

and drove the other on Shore between Villa Conde and Vianna; the latter was a Schooner, and, I understand from the Prisoners, mounted Twelve Carriage Guns, and was manned with between Sixty and Seventy Men: Those Vessels had, for some Time past, infested this Coast, and had captured several English Merchant Vessels.

I have the Honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

EDW. MARSH.

*Sir John Jervis, K. B. Admiral
of the Blue, and Commander in
Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

