

Admiralty-Office, January 11, 1814.

THE letters, of which the following are copies, have been transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. by Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's ships and vessels in the Mediterranean.

*His Majesty's Sloop Swallow, at Sea,
September 16, 1813,*

SIR,

BEING well in-shore at daylight this morning, between the Tiber and D'Anzo, a brig and sloop were discovered between us and the latter harbour, and having light baffling winds at the time from the eastward, I thought the boats would have a chance of reaching them before they got into port, and they were dispatched, under the direction of Lieutenant Samuel Edward Cook, (first of the Swallow) assisted by Mr. Thomas Cole, mate, and Mr. Henry Thomas, midshipman, and after a row of two hours they came up with, and brought out from close under D'Anzo, (from whence numerous boats, besides two gun-boats, had been sent to her assistance, and kept her in tow till the moment of the boats boarding,) the French brig Guerriere, of four guns and sixty stand of small arms.

There could not have been more steady cool bravery displayed than on this occasion. Lieutenant Cook speaks in the highest terms of every person with him.

I am sorry to say his loss has been severe, having had two seamen killed and four severely wounded in his boat, as you will find in the enclosed return.

I have the honour to be, &c.

E. R. SIBLY, Commander.

*To the Honourable Henry Duncan,
Captain of His Majesty's Ship
Imperieuse, &c. &c. &c.*

*List of Killed and Wounded off D'Anzo, September
the 16th, 1813, belonging to His Majesty's Sloop
Swallow.*

Killed.

Thomas Philips, ordinary seaman.
N. Jones, ordinary seaman.

Wounded.

James Fitzgerald, ordinary seaman, severely.
John Boyles, ordinary seaman, ditto.
James Dorsey, able seaman, ditto.
William Dixon, ordinary seaman, dangerously.

His Majesty's Ship Edinburgh, off D'Anzo,

SIR, October 5, 1813.

IN obedience to your directions, I put to sea and joined Captain Duncan, of the Imperieuse, and the ships named in the margin,* this morning, off this place, where he had been watching a convoy for some days, with the intention of attacking them the first favourable opportunity. The necessary arrangements having been made by that officer for the attack, I added the force of this ship to it, and made the signal that those arrangements would be adhered to, and to prepare for battle. The place was defended by two batteries, mounting three

* Resistance, Swallow, Eclair, and Pylades.

heavy guns each on a mole; a tower to the northward of this with one gun, and a battery to the southward with two guns, to cover the mole. Every thing being prepared at half past one p. m. the ships bore up and took their stations as follows:—The Imperieuse and Resistance to the mole batteries; the Swallow to the Tower; the Eclair and Pylades to the battery to the southward; the Edinburgh supported the last-named ships.

Shortly after the ships opened their fire, which they did by signal together, the storming party, under Lieutenant Travers, of the Imperieuse, and marines, under Captain Mitchell, landed in the best order close under the southern battery, which Lieutenant Travers carried instantly, on which the enemy flew in all directions: Lieutenant Mapleton having taken possession of the mole head, the convoy, consisting of twenty-nine vessels, was brought out without any loss, twenty of which are laden with timber for the arsenal at Toulon.

On leaving the place all the works were blown up, and most completely destroyed. I feel the destruction of the defences of this place to be of consequence, as it was a convenient port for shipping the very large quantity of timber the enemy now have on the adjacent coast. The captains, officers, and ships companies deserve my warm acknowledgment for their exertions on this occasion. A few shot in the hulls and rigging of the ships is the only damage done.

Captain Duncan informs me, that he gained very material and necessary information respecting this place, by a very gallant exploit performed a few nights ago by Lieutenant Travers, of the Imperieuse, who stormed, with a boat's crew, a tower of one gun, destroying it, and bringing the guard away.

I am, &c.

G. H. L. DUNDAS, Captain.

*To Captain Rowley, His Majesty's Ship
America, Senior Officer.*

His Majesty's Ship Furieuse, at Sea,

SIR, October 8, 1813.

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that on the 4th instant, running along the coast to the island of Ponza, at one P. M. I observed a convoy of nineteen vessels in the harbour of Marinello, (about six miles to the eastward of Civita Vecchia) protected by two gun-boats, a fort of two long twenty-four-pounders, and a strong fortified castle and tower, and it appearing practicable to cut them out, as the wind was fair for that purpose, Lieutenants Croker and Lester, with Lieutenants Whylock and Davies, of marines, gallantly volunteered to storm the fort on the land side with the whole of the marines and boats crews, whilst the ship anchored before it, which service was promptly performed; and after a few broadsides I had the satisfaction of seeing the battery carried and guns spiked by our gallant party on shore. The enemy retreated, and took the strong positions of the castle and tower overlooking the harbour, where they kept up a constant fire of musketry through loop-holes, without the possibility of being dislodged; although I weighed and moved in, so that the whole fire of the ship was directed against it. No-