

The Reverend William Elliot

Naval Chaplain

Journal March 1808 to November 1814

Notre to readers

The reverend Elliot made use of nearly every bit of space in his small diary/journal and often inserted bits of information as memorandums, added at the end of any month where there was sufficient space to squeeze it in. Therefore details of some historical events, or financial transactions or awards, may appear out of chronological order. For clarity all of such entries are marked as being a Memorandum.

Also many abbreviations are used which are no longer in common use in modern day English; for example &c is an old English way of noting 'etc', also the use of the French method for writing 'the' is often used, for example when referring to ships - *L'Aigle* (the *Aigle*) or *L'Impetueux* (the *Impetueux*), as well as the port of Orient as L'Orient. Other common abbreviations are Ad^l for Admiral and L^d for Lord.

A number of Royal Navy warships have French names, and in fact some were actually French built, captured by the British and pressed into service by the Admiralty. The *Donegal* was one herself, the 74 gun Téméraire-class ship of the line, *Le Hoche*, captured from the French on 12 October 1798

Wherever possible the text is reproduced exactly as it appears in the handwritten original, however all ship names are in italics for clarity. Words that cannot be clearly deciphered are in red with a question mark.

Journal passed down to his Great-Granddaughter Clementina Dunlop, Grandmother of Robert Dunlop b. 1941 – d. 2013 from whose estate this diary was obtained

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H.M.S. *Donegal*, Off L'Orient

May 19th 1808

About the 6th of March 1808, I very unexpectedly received a Proposal to become chaplain to H.M.S. *Donegal*. I had but little time allowed me to deliberate, or to consult my Friends on the Subject, but agreed to accept the Appointment & it was accordingly procured for me. I lost no time in fitting myself out for the ship, and in about a Week, quitted Andover feeling a Mixture of Hope and Regret at my Departure, having been a constant Resident in that Town for more than 10 years.

On my Way to Plymouth I was at Bath for two Days but paid but few Visits there. At Plymouth I remained something more than 3 Weeks; part of this time was spent pleasantly enough, but at times I was dull. I became in a little time intimate with Captn. Malcolm, & made some other Acquaintance. I dined on board with my Shipmates while the Ship lay in Harbour, & once while she was at Cawzand. I dined twice at Dr Thompson's & once at Mr Murray's, our Purser. At Mr Maxwell's I was at a Dance & Supper, and at a dejeuner given by Captn. M. on board the *Donegal*. I took several Walks into the Country, was twice at the Theatre, at a Concert, & at a Ball.

At length, on the 12th April we weighed Anchor & having a favorable Wind arrived at our Station (Port L'Orient) in two Days, without meeting with any remarkable Occurrence. The other ships on the Station were the *Impetueux* – Captn. Lawford, (the Commodore) - the *Saturn* Captn Boys (only acting Captn. for Lord Amelius Beauclerk). Both these ships were 74s The *Narcissus* Captn. C. Malcolm – the *Pallas* Captn Seymour - the *Minerva* Captn. Hawkins – *L'Aigle* Captn. Wolfe – all these were Frigates – the *Foxhound* Brig Captn. Green – the *Cuckoo* Schooner Lieutenant Paddon & the *Surinam* Gun Brig Captn. Lake. - A day or two after our Arrival, Captns. Lawford, Boys, & Lieutenant Jones of *L'Impetueux* dined with Captn. M. – who invited me to meet them.

In about ten days Captn. M., in order to look into L'Orient, sailed thro' the Passage which is formed by t'Island of Groa and the mainland. We were pretty near and plainly saw two Line of Battle Ships and 5 Frigates. In going thro' this Passage a Ship is for some time exposed to the Enemies' Batteries on both Sides, they fired at us only from the Island, 2 Shots went over us, 2 fell short, they were all well-directed. We sailed on towards Quiberon and came to an Anchor about Dinner-time rather more than a Mile from ye Island of Houat. In the Afternoon the Captn & several of the Officers went on shore, they returned in a couple of Hours and brought a miserable Account of the poor Inhabitants. They were glad to see our People and sold them some Eggs & Fish pretty reasonably.

The *Narcissus* was laying off the Island of Hidue in the Neighbourhood and Captn C. M. came on board the *Donegal* and staid the night. The next mor'g Captn. M was desirous of landing on Hidue, and also of learning the situation of the Rocks and Shoals in the Neighbourhood. While much interested in this Business the Ship grounded on a Mudbank in about 4

Fathom Water. Captn. M. of course gave up all intention of landing & immediately applied himself to getting off the Ship. A Boat was sent out to take Soundings & a Stream anchor was carried from the Ship & let go at some distance, the Men were placed at the Capstan & warped her into deep Water in about a Couple of Hours from her grounding. Sometime after the ship was searched by drawing an iron bar along her keel & it was clear she had received no Injury from the Accident.

We sailed thro a deep but narrow Passage between Rocks called Benegate & anchored at Dinner time near Groa. Here we remained for some time & had a little Communication with the other Ships. I dined twice with Captn. Boys, & was also on board the *Saturn* at the Representation of Douglas & the Irish Widow, by the *Saturn's* Crew. Altho' they did themselves great Credit, yet I could not but regret seeing Mr Horne's fine Tragedy in such Hands; the Farce, being a broad one, they could not spoil & we laughed a good deal.

On Saturday the 7th May we weighed Anchor; it blew and was disagreeable Weather, on the 8th we were off Belisle, & had a neat View of a pretty considerable Convoy with Stores bound to L'Orient. We must if possible prevent their getting to that Port & capture them if we can; in their present Position they are too well-defended by the Batteries to have any Chance of Success in attacking them. The *Narcissus* and *Minerva* came near us, & the Captn. of the Former dined with us. We sailed all Night & before Dinner on the 9th anchored about 3 Miles from the Island of Penfret. This is one of a Cluster. They are mostly uninhabited; on one of them there is a Fort having 8 guns, 3 mortars & 8 others; there is a Telegraph at the Fort & several on the Coast, but our Signal-men can interpret all their Motions.

Penfret is not more than 2 Miles in Circumference even at low Water; it is edged, in part, with bold Rocks & partly with good sandy Beaches. There are no Trees on the Island but a few stunted Elder-Bushes. In the Centre there is plenty of Soil, and *L'Aigle*, *L'Impetueux* & *Narcissus* have formed very neat Gardens which are fenced in & produce Sallads, Radishes, Peas & other Vegetables. There is also a small House built by *L'Aigle* out of a captured Chasse-Maree; it is weathertight, & the Gardeners & others of our People hang up their Hammocks in it & are comfortably sheltered. We found a pretty good Well not far from the Beach at which our Ships take in Water of an excellent Quality. Captn. M has dug another very good Well, which is well built, & full of Water.

We found the *Foxhound* lying here, & Captn. Green dined with us but sailed away the next Morning. We had then no other Company but Lieutenant Paddon of the *Cuckoo*, who paid us frequent Visits. While off Penfret we had various Occupations & amusements & enjoyed ourselves much. Our Boats in their Endeavours to obtain a Chasse-Maree, had hitherto been unsuccessful & now in another attempt, returned with the loss of a Midshipman, Mr Blake. He was shot in the Head by a musket from the Shore & was ye only Person injured in the two Boats employed on this Occasion. He was a promising young Man & universally regretted

throughout the Ship. He was interred on the Island with military Honours & a neat rustic Grave covers his Remains.

Our people were for the most part well employed in filling the Empty Butts with Water, digging & building the new Well – & washing their Clothes. The Officers amused themselves by Fishing, Shooting, & playing at Cricket. Indeed it was a pleasing but uncommon Sight to behold. The Captain, Officers & Men playing together on the French Territory & within Gunshot of their Fort. It is however to be observed that the French Governour found it prudent not to molest us, well knowing that we could blockade him & prevent his receiving Provisions from the Main, or even, if determined to do so, could destroy him & his Fort. While the *Impetueux* was here she took a Provision Boat, but afterwards released it, which was acknowledged by a Flag hoisted at the Fort as a Favor & helped to promote a good Understanding between us & our nearest Enemies.

On the 14th about 10 in the Evening, a Boat came alongside with two Frenchmen in her & a little Butter, Fish, &c. We bought what they had & they promised to return in the course of a Week with more, & to bring us Poultry at a reasonable Price. We wished to detain them till the Morning but they were afraid to stay, or at least affected to be so, for some suppose them to be Spies, but as our Captain did not mind showing an Enemy the Contents of an English 74, he did not object to their coming on board. While off the Glenan Islands we were tolerably successful in Fishing in which we had hitherto failed, there we made use both of hooks & lines & caught a great Variety among others a Skait came to hand which weighed about 80 lb. If any Person, by hanging a line overboard catches a Fish, it is his own Property, but if the Boats are employed, their respective Crews have their due, & the remainder is distributed to the Ship's Company by Messes in *Rotation*.

About this time (19th May) we received several Letters & Papers &c by the *Favourite* & *Dragon* & *Pallas*; the latter Ship, consequence of an Accident, having been obliged to return home in the Commencement of our Cruise. They also brought us some live Bulllocks. Soon after their Arrival the *Impetueux* & *L'Aigle* returned to Port & took in letters for us, by the departure of *L'Impetueux* Captn. Scott of the *Dragon* became our Commodore. On the Mor'g of 22nd, about two O'Clock, a strange Sail was discovered very near us; she was immediately pursued by our Cutter, Lieut. Forbes commanding her, & was captured after a Chase so near the Shore as for the Cutter to receive a Shot Hole thro' her sail. She proved to be the *Jeune Adele*, laden with Beans, & is valued at 300 pounds. There was only a Master & three Men in her, the former a much genteel Man that you would expect to find in so small a Vessel, being a Chasse-Maree of 38 Tons Burden. Soon after the Cutter left the Ship, other Sails were observed & pursued, all our Boats being immediately lowered & manned, but they could not come up with the Enemy. The Prize, *L'Adele*, with Mr Thurmut & Men, & two Prisoners, sailed for England on the 23, but returned to her Anchorage for a few Necessaries & finally sailed on the 24th.

On the Afternoon of the 22 the *Donegal*, weighed & made Sail for Groa – met the *Dragon*, who made us a Signal to return to the Glinary (of which Penfret is one) which we did the next Morning & anchored nearly in our old station. A Boat with some Officers went to Mutton Island & returned with a large Quantity of Samphire & some Sea Cale. On the 24th The *Dragon* & *Donegal* both made Sail, fell in with the *Saturn*. I dined in the Cabin with Captains Scott & Boys. We continued sailing & parted Company the next mor'g. Early on the 27th, there was a Strange Sail in Sight which proved to be the *Theseus* 74 Guns, Capt. Brigs (acting for Captn. Beresford) who kept on with us all day. The *Pallas* had joined us on the 26th & in the Course of 27th *L'Eclair*, a Brig, Captain Quash also joined company. I dined in the Cabin with Captains Brigs & Seymour. By the *Theseus* we received a few Letters & Parcels & expected more by *L'Eclair*, but were disappointed. They informed us that the *Bellerophon* had what belonged to us & had sailed for L'Orient but was recalled & sent elsewhere. On the 28 reconoitred the Enemy pretty closely. Captains Brigs & Quash dined in the cabin. The *Saturn*, being relieved by the *Theseus*, we were busily employed on the 29th altho' Sunday, in receiving her spare Provisions & were again completely victualled for 5 Months. The *Narcissus* got on shore & became leaky, & sailed for Plymouth on the Evening of the 20th - from her we got a Man who had deserted from the *Donegal* while in Harbour. He had entered into a Privateer which was taken by the French, but her Crew escaping got on board the English Ships on this Station.

About 4p.m. the 29th May the *Saturn* sailed for Plymouth. On 30th about Dinner Time, anchored off Groa; *Dragon* in Company. 31st Noon got under weigh with great Expedition & pursued a Strange Sail. She proved to be a Brig & hoisted American colours. Sent a lieutenant on board her & returned with her to the Commodore. Who, with Captn. Malcolm, visited the Brig. She was 24 days from Baltimore, bound for L'Orient. On board were Messengers charged with Dispatches both for France & England. The Captain of the Brig (an odd fellow I suppose) being asked by Captn. M which was the Mess'r for France desired him to fix upon the stupidest-looking amongst them. The English Mess'r was in appearance more respectable & gave his Dispatches to the Commodore who forwarded them to Plymouth the same Evening by the *Cuckoo* Lieut. Paddon. On board of this Brig was an American Artist, whose name (real one assumed) was Rembrandt. He was going to Paris to study Painting. About 2 p.m. the Brig pursued her Course for L'Orient. Anchored off the Port in the Evening, and moved in the next mor'g.

Memorandum

Donegal carries – 86 Guns & victuals 640 People. Deficient 40 Men.
Weekly Allowance of Victual to each Man – subject to Alterations.

	per Week		per Week
Biscuits	7lb	Butter	6 oz
Beer	7 Gal	Cheese	12 oz
Beef	4 lb	Vinegar	Not exceeding ¼ Pint
Pork	2 lb		
Pease	2 pts		
Oatmeal	3 pts		

The secret Expedition, which sailed from Cork Harbour on the 12th July is commanded by –

- L. G. Sir A. Wellesley
- M. G. Howland Hill
- M. G. Ferguson
- B. G. Crawford
- B. G. Fane

and consists of the following Reg't – the 5th Foot & amounts to about 10,000 men

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| | 9. - 91st Foot |
| | 36. - 95. |
| N.B. 4 th O.B. destined for Gibraltar | 38. - 4 th O.B |
| | 45. 4 Troops of 20 L.D |
| | 40. |
| | 60. – 5 Bat. Artillery |
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This is a Bill of Parcels paid at Figueiro by the Caterer of our Mess. 1st August

24 Fowls	5760 Reas	
2 Ducks	600 “	
3 Strings fish	4000 “	
100 Apples	4000 “	
100 Pears	360 “	
12 Cucumbers	180 “	
12 Lettuces	150 “	
100 Plums	120 “	
24 Eggs	240 “	
75 Oranges	600 “	
Boat Hire.	2000 “	thought to be exorbitant
800 Reas = 4s 6d		

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June 1808

On the 1st there was an Inspection of the Mens' Clothes; they are for the most part well appointed. After Breakfast weighed Anchor & sailed for the *Theseus* – with her we cruised off & on Groa – anchored in the Evening in rather shallow Water & weighed at an early Hour and on the 4th anchored at 2 P.M. off Penfret where we found the *Dragon* & *Pallas*. There was a general Exercise this Day in the *Donegal* but no Salute fired; the Men had ½ Pint of Wine apiece to drink His Majesty's Health with being his Birthday. Capt'n. M. went to dine with the Commodore.

5th – No Church – weighed about ¼ past 11 A.M. sailed, *Pallas* in Company, towards Groa. *Pallas* ordered to sail thro' the Passage & reconnoitre, too little wind near the Land. Capt'n. Seymour came on board & drank Tea in the Wardroom – the Weather for the Time of Year continues cold.

6th – *Pallas* again ordered to reconnoitre, too little Wind for some time, but she sailed thro' the Passage, unhurt by the Shots that were fired at her before 12. This day was cold & squally – the Yawl however was successfully employed & several Fish taken. In the Afternoon a Sail appeared in Sight & closed with us before Night. She proved to be the *Growler* Lieut. Crossman back from Rochefort, bound for L'Orient.

7th We hear the *Growler* is last from Plymouth bound for Rochefort, but has dispatches for Capt'n. Scott by the way. This morning two Sail discovered at anchor near the *Dragon* viz. the *Shannon* & *Emerald* Frigates, commanded by Capt's. Maitland & Brooke. The *Emerald* Capt. M. to relieve the *Minerva*. She closed with us about 1 P.M. & brought us Letters, Papers & Bullocks. 'till 7 P.M. she kept us Company, about which time the *Pallas* closed & kept near us all night.

8th. The *Pallas* continued in Company all day. At dinner we came to anchor off Penfret, a Boat to the Island in the Evening. Wet Weather. I did not go ashore.

9th Weighed Anchor at 6 A.M. The Boats out all the Morning sounding and fishing. The *Shannon* came within Hail & then pursued her Course. The *Pallas* also joined company & received her live bullock from us – continued in company.

10th Our Boats were employed in fishing & caught but one Mackarel, the Yawl was also made use of three times with very little Success. The *Pallas* in company all day.

11th Cast Anchor off Groa about 11 A.M. *Pallas* did the same, saw several of our Squadron. The *Shannon* came near & anchored about dinner time. At ½ past 8 P.M. arrived the *Cuckoo* with Letters from England.

12th Sunday. Arrived before Day light the *Minerva*, bound for England, left us at 4 A.M. I sent Letters by her to Branhholm and Amport. Captains Broke & Seymour breakfasted in the Cabin – the latter attended Church & dined in ye Wardroom. *Pallas* made sail thro' the Passage at ½ past 5 P.M.

13. At 8 A.M. weighed Anchor & sailed for Penfret; met *Dragon* leaving that Station for Groa, anchored about 11, the *Contest* Brig being near us. At noon we saw ye *Surinam*, with a detained American Ship. Went on shore & played at Cricket. The *Contest* made sail for Mutton Island – found the Well completed & the Gardens flourishing & considerably enlarged. It was this day reported, but not credited, that our King was dead.

14. Went ashore for Cricket – hurried home on account of the *Contest* firing at a Chasse Marre.

15. Accompanied Captains Malcolm and Philips to the Basjuan, a sunken Rock on which a Buoy had been placed on the 14th – caught 17 Fish and returned at Noon – several Boats employed in fishing today, which succeeded pretty well. Saw the *Dragon* under weigh – she anchored again in the Evening – also a Dogger, supposed to be her Prize, also the *Insolent* Gun Brig, supposed to have brought a dispatch to the Commodore

16. Went on shore to dinner, bathed & played at Cricket, home late. The *Cuckoo* joined us & brought some stale Letters & Papers. The Boats employed in fishing with various Success.

17. The Yawl and Pinnace being around sailed at 10 A.M. to join the *Contest* Brig near the Enemy's Shore – the other Boats successfully employed in fishing. Spent part of the Afternoon on shore.

18. At 5 A.M. a Sail in sight supposed to be the *Theseus* – sent Letter to Netherton by the Torbay Boat which joined us the preceding day. Boats returned about Noon having with assistance of *Contest* driven a Chasse Marree on shore. Spent the Afternoon on Penfret where the Seine was thrice dragged, with tolerable Success. Boats employed in fishing very successfully. At 7 P.M. *Theseus* cast Anchor in our Neighbourhood – supped in ye Cabin with Captain Briggs.

19. Sunday – Prayers only – Captn. Briggs to Breakfast, weighed Anchor, little wind till Noon – President in Ye Wardroom – at 4 P.M. beat to Quarters – went between Groa & the Main. 3 Guns fired at us before we passed L'Orient & 3 Mortars afterwards – the Cannon Balls all fell short, as did two of the Shells – the 3rd came nearly to our Bow. We returned with much alacrity about 70 or 80 Shots, which were mostly well-directed & many of them reached for inland. Had a very near Inspection of L'Orient & the French Shipping

20. Early in ye Mor'g 3 French Row Boats in sight – in the Afternoon the *Insolent* came in sight. Captn Seymour to Breakfast.

21. Dined in the Cabin with Captn Seymour. *Dragon* weighed Anchor & sailed to the side of Groa. The *Foxhound* came to anchor near us, but too late for Captn. Green to come on board.

22. The *Pallas* sailed for Quiberon. The *Foxhound*, after receiving some Coals from us, sailed for --- at 3 P.M. our Pinnace, which had been sent to fish, was observed to be in pursuit of a Chasse Marree, our Cutter and Yawl were immediately lowered, manned & armed, and joined in the Chase. They were not successful, but the Chasse Marree had a narrow Escape. Our

Boats were near the Shore & the French ply'd their Guns as usual. The only accident that happened, was a Man in the Cutter, having his Arm bruised by a Grape Shot, probably a spent one. All the Boats on board again by 8 P.M.

23. At 10 A.M. A Sail described which proved to be the *Theseus* coming thro' the Passage. She was prepared to fire her Guns on the L'Orient Side, if fired at from that Place, but, probably owing to the Shot we sent ashore on ye 19th, they were no French Guns or Mortars fired.

The *Theseus* came too close by us & Capt'n. Briggs came on board with the Information that ye *Saturn* Cd. A. Beauclerk was at Penfret. We received a few Letters and Papers & dispatch for Capt'n. Malcolm, in consequence of which we weighed Anchor, being ordered to Cork – the Wind was adverse & the Weather very bad, in ye course of ye Afternoon our Maintop Sail & foretopmast stay sail were split & obliged to be replaced. Before we quitted ye Station it was necessary to call at Penfret for some our Men that had been left there on account of the Gardens &c.

24. We found ourselves this Morn'g further from Penfret than when we weighed Anchor. Bad Weather. Afternoon the Weather became more moderate, but ye Wind was still against us & prevented our reaching ye Island – in Afternoon passed near Belleisle & came within Signal distance of ye *Dragon* & *Theseus*. At 7 P.M. the *Cuckoo* passed within Hail – no News.

25. Made very little way in ye Night, at ½ past 6 A.M. sent the Pinnacle in a very thick Fog to put our French Pilot into ye *Saturn* & and to bring out Men from Penfret. About 11 the Fog cleared away & we saw the Boat alongside ye *Saturn*. At 2 P.M. Pinnacle returned – made Sail, saw & spoke by Telegraph the *Snapper* Schooner Lieut. Champion. Passed the Penmark

26. Sunday – Divine Service. About 10 A.M. saw 3 or 4 strange Sail, one of them a Frigate – too far off for Signals. Very little Wind till 9 P.M.

27. At 4 A.M. The Channel Fleet in sight. 10 Sail commanded by Ld. Gambier – made our No.. at 4 P.M. saw a Frigate made our No. & private Signal – discovered her to be *La Gloire*, Capt'n. Carthew, with Ad'l Tyler on board, bound for ye Lisbon Station. At 8 spoke two Transports from off Lisbon, bound to Plymouth. Wind fair all day & plenty of it.

28. Wind fair, but moderate – painted the Ship – a few Sails in sight early in the Mor'g. Passed Scilly Isle the preceding Night

29. At 5 A.M. got a Pilot on board – all day long tack'd on & off ye South Coast of Ireland – apparently fertile & well cultivated – passed Kinsale, about 4 P.M.

30th After a delightful Sail into Corke Harbour came to Anchor about two Miles from Cove, at 9 A.M. The Harbour seems to be well sheltered & is very beautiful – found there ye *Amsterdam* Ad'l Whitshed – the *Virginie* Capt'n Brace, *Druid* Capt'n Mackery & *Resistance* Capt'n Adam, with a fleet of Transports partly filled with Troops. At 5 P.M. landed at Cove – walked about ye Village, drank Tea & returned at 9.

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Memorandum

Inscription on a Piece of Plate to be given to Sir A. Wellesley.....Sept. 7th

From the General Officers serving in the British Army, originally landed at Figueira in Portugal in the year 1808 to Lieut. Gen. The Right Hon. Sir A. Wellesley K.B. & their Commander

M. G. Spencer, second in Command

M. G. Hill & Ferguson

B. G. Nightingale, Bowes, Fane & Crawford

Offer this Gift to their Leader in Testimony of the high Respect & Esteem they feel for him as a Man & the unbounded Confidence they place in him as an Officer.

July 1808

1. At 8 A.M. passed close by us & anchored the *Crocodile*, Capt. Cadogan from Portsmouth to join the Expedition. *Crocodile* brought dollars value Pounds 50,000 which were immediately shifted into ye *Donegal*. Boats employed in watering, bringing Stores &c. Numerous Parties to visit the Ship. To my Cabin at 10. P.M.

2. At 12 accompanied an officer in ye Pinnacle to look for a Watering Place, found one which was not very convenient. Landed & discovered ye *Romantic* Ruins of a Church at 5 P.M. Went in the Pinnacle again & discovered a good watering Place. Landed & walked to a Farm House – returned at Sunset

3. Sunday. Prayers only. Sailed for Plymouth ye *Swallow* Brig, in the Course of the day many vessels passed us bound to different Places. Many Visitors to the Ship this day.

4. Captain M. gave a dejeuner & Dance on board ye Ship to a genteel Company viz L' & Lady Thomond, Generals Fane, Crawford, Hill, Ferguson, Col. Pack & three military officers – Captains Sir G. Bolton, Cadogan, Brace, Grosset & several Ladies, with Mrs Witshed.

5. About 10 A.M. landed at Cove, hired a Boat & rowed up to Cork – remarkably pleasant, Beautiful Villas situated very thickly on each side of the River – arrived at Cork before 1 P.M. dined at 8.

6. Blue Peter hoisted on board the *Donegal* – Breakfasted at Mrs Litchfield's - took boat about 7 P.M. & endeavoured to reach the Ship before 9 but could not, so put into Cove and slept there.

7. Breakfasted at Cove – on board at 11 A.M. a large Party of Ladies & Gentlemen to Dinner – a Dance & Supper – Some went away early the rest being disappointed of their Boat were obliged to stay all Night & about 12 the Ladies retired to bed in the Captain's Cabin

8. At ½ past 6 Our Company left us, in bad Weather sailed out of Harbour & found Captn. Sir Ed Bolton – the *Virginie* had sailed while I was at Cork. Late at Night passed by the *Indiaman* Gun Brig with 15 empty Transports
9. Plenty of Visitors today & some Ladies and Gentlemen staid dinner in the Wardroom. About 2 P.M. the Captain came on board & brought with him Sir Arthur Wellesley and Suite – they staid ½ an hour – in the Evening ye Baggage arrived – this and the Preceding Day the Master of the Transports came on board to receive their Instructions & the secret Rendezvous. The Interpreter came in the Evening.
10. Sunday – No Service – at 8 A.M. came into Harbour & anchored H.M.S. *Princess Charlotte*, Captn. Tobin - at 8 P.M. came into Harbour & anchored H.M.S. *Fortune*, Captn. Vansittart. Bad Weather but not so bad as to prevent Pleasure Boats sailing about – few Visitors in ye course of ye day. Captn. M. with part of the Suite dined on board.
11. Several Visitors to the *Donegal* – Gen^l Floyd and Gen^l Sir A.W. among others – at 6 P.M. wind fair. Signal made to unmoor – *Donegal* unmoored – Wind altered. Mr Evanson Midshipman arrived in the Evening. Company at dinner staid to a late Hour.
12. At ½ past 3 A.M. the *Donegal* fired a Signal for the Fleet to weigh anchor; a favourable Wind to sail out of Harbour – at ½ past 6 we passed the Fort & were saluted with 7 Guns & returned the same Number. Capt. M. got on board before 6; the Gen^l & staff not till ½ past 7 when we were fairly out of Harbour. The Wind Blew strong in our Favour, but in consequence of the *Crocodile* being so far be^{hind}, we could not take Advantage of it. In the Afternoon the Wind became contrary. Our Force consists of ye *Donegal*, the *Resistance* & *Crocodile* Frigates & 73 Transports with Troops & Stores &c Destination not known, supposed to be Spain.
13. In the Forenoon, wind fair but moderate & afterwards became foul. At 5 P.M. Gen^l Hill and his Aide de Camp came on board & Sir A. W. with his Secretary & Aide de Camp, took his place in *Crocodile* – before Dark ye *Crocodile* made Sail & parted Company - N.B. on 12th sent Letters to Netherton, Bath & Swannage.
14. Light Winds & not always favourable – frequent Signals made to the Convoy – two of the Masters came on board & were reprimanded. Dined in the Cabin 8 Strangers in all 12.
15. Little Wind but fair. Master of a Transport came on board for Instructions & secret Rendezvous, having received none at Cove – Master of a Brig came on board for Instructions only, from Belfast, bound to Gibraltar with Porters joined company the mor'g we sailed.
16. Wind continued fair & during the Morning blew a good Breeze – saw four strangers & endeavoured to near a large one, but could not without leaving the Convoy – sent a Lieutenant into Packet from Falmouth 5 days bound to Halifax – at 6 P.M. Capt'n Adams and Genl Fane came on board. Capt'n A had boarded the *Prevoyante* an empty Store Ship lately from Cadiz – collected much good News this day, some of it doubtful.

17. Sunday. No Service. A Sail in sight early – the *GLoire* with Ad^l Otway on board from off Lisbon bound for Portsmouth. Gen Hill accompanied Captn M on board of her, & brought us good news from Portugal. About Noon the *Resistance* closed with us, & Captn Adams with the three Generals came on board – in the Afternoon Colonels McKensie and Greville were on board

18. A Fresh Breeze in our Teeth.

19. At 2 A.M. Wind became favourable & blew pretty fresh all day – two strange Sail joined us. Nights being dark, burnt blue light.

20. Wind continued favourable – early, we discovered a large American & sent the *Resistance* down to her, about Noon *Resistance* returned & communicated good news from Spain for Telegraph. American four days from Passage near Bayonne

21. At Noon Captn. Adams, accompanied by Gen^l Ferguson came on board, staid $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour on his Return to *Resistance* made Sail & parted Company – at 3 Lieut Fleetwood came on board – hailed by a Store Ship, several ill & two dead. At $\frac{1}{4}$ past 4 P.M. Land was decried from ye Mast Head, & some time after ye Island Tresco was seen from the deck.

22. At 11 A.M. sent a Lieutenant on board a Merchantman from England, bound to Jamaica. Two Men of War in sight most of ye Day. At 10 P.M. made signal, by a Rocket, blue Lights & Lanthorns, for ye Convoy to tack about. Made Finisterre.

23. In the course of ye Night we doubled Cape Finisterre but in consequence of tacking in the dark, our Convoy were much dispersed in the Morning & 18 were missing, all but 3 joined before Night. In the course of the Day we had generally Frigates in sight. The *Amazon* Captn Parker – *Phoenix* Captn Mudge – *Diana* Captn Grand closed with us & their Captains came on board. Col Mackenzie and Son also paid us a Visit & dined in the Cabin. About 4 P.M. the *Crocodile* came in sight & was up with us about 6. Sir A. W. was on board for an Hour & then returned to ye *Crocodile*, immediately made Sail for Oporto & soon parted Company. Sir A. W. had been on Shore at Corrunna & much pleased with his Reception, the News he brought from that Country was extremely favourable.

24. Sunday – performed Divine Service. Convoy as before – at 5 P.M. made Signal for all Masters to come on board. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 made sail again, at 8 laid too.

25. At 7 A.M. came in sight of Oporto, at 9 laid too off that Place – at 10 Captn Malcolm came on board – at 11 Sir A.W. came on board with favourable News. The Ships we found at Oporto were – *Antelope* Captn Galway – *Narcissus* Captns C. M. *Peacock* Captn Peake. Sir A. W. Suite, with the other Generals & Captains dined on board – at 7 Sir A.W. and Suite returned to ye *Crocodile*, made sail & parted Company before dark. The *Peacock* also parted Company & sailed for England.

26. Having coasted along during ye Night, we arrived at 10 A.M. off Figuero on ye River Mondego & presently came to Anchor in ye Bay. The shipping at

this Place before we arrived were – *Alfred* Captn Bligh – *Nautilus* Captn Dench. Since our Arrival were joined by *Lively* – Mackinly & *Talbot* Captn Jones – the latter has on board 100 French Prisoners for Oporto. The Captn & a Party went on shore; there was also a Party from the Wardroom; most of the Latter remained on shore all night & were treated with Hospitality. There was an Illumination on shore.

27. Fifteen Casks of dollars sent to the Commissary – frequent Arrivals of Army & Navy Officers during the day. After dinner went ashore in the Jolly-Boat – walked thro’ Figueira to the Incampment of Marines – back again to the Beach – impossible to get over the Bar – met Captn M & walked with him and others to Buarcos, got into a curiously-built Boat with 23 Natives & came off to the Ship. The *Talbot* was twice under weigh but it fell calm –5 hours. Briggs got over the Bar close in shore.

28. At 7 *Lively* got under weigh. *Talbot* also under weigh for Oporto. Came in at 2 P.M. the *Encounter* Gun Brig – at 8 the *Lively* returned & the *Blossom* Captn Pigot. Captn rowed to & boarded this last in expectation of it’s being the *Crocodile*. Numerous Visitors both from ye Army & Navy during this day, especially towards the Evenings

29. Sailed the *Encounter* – numerous Visitors as usual, & a few Natives came on board – the Governor & 3 Monks &c.

30. At 10 A.M. A strange Sail in sight which proved to be ye *Crocodile*. At 12 A Lieutenant went in ye Gig & about 7 P.M. the Captn in ye Yawl to board the *Crocodile*. Sir A.W. & Suite returned with the Latter & remained on board. Visited by a Portugese named Sebastian, calling himself Aid de Camp to ye Portu General.

31. Sunday – No Service. As many Visitors as usual – a Deserter Yesterday from the French at Libon – a Foreigner – to-day two more Deserters – Portugese from Peniche. 5000 Hand of Muskets sent from the *Britania* Store Ship for ye Portugese. The Marines embarked on board of *Nautilus* & *Lively*.

Memorandum

The Secret Expedition, which left England about Christmas 1807, & arrived at Mondego Bay August 6 1808, is under the Command of M.G. Spencer & B.G. Nightingale and consists of the undermentioned Regiments – viz. 6th. 29. 32. 50. 82nd Foot & two Companies of Artillery, amounting to about 5000 Men.

Vid. The End of June –

The Field Officers & Officers commanding Corps have also presented Sir A. Wellesley with a Piece of Plate, thereby testifying their entire Approbation of his Conduct while commanding the Army in Portugal.

<i>Donegal</i> carries	30 – 32	Pounders on her lower deck
	30 – 18	Pounders on her Main deck
	6 - 12	Carronades on Poop

The remainder being 32-pound Carronades & 18 pound long Guns – on the Quarter deck and Forecastle.

A list of Officers &c serving on board H.M.S. *Donegal* at the time I embarked in her 12 April 1808

1 st Lieut.	(Ninon?)	Captn Philips – R.M.
2 nd	- Taylor	Lieut Bailey
3 rd	- Forbes	Lieut Blucke
4	- Baker	Mr Oliver – Master
5	- Arkey	Mr Murray – Purser
6	- Ferris	Mr Kennedy – Surgeon

A List of the Midshipmen &c &c

Mr Ferguson	Mr Forbes
Mr Berkley	Mr Abel
Mr Blake	Mr Inledew. Sur.Ap
Mr Ogilvie	Mr Clerke. Ditto
Mr Hamilton	Mr Hudson, Schoolmaster
Mr Shurmur	Mr Voss – Captn’s Clark
Mr Beattie	Mr Humphries – Ditto
Mr Parley	
Mr Randolph	
Mr Wilson	
Mr Lindzay	
Mr Stirling	

August 1808

1. At 5 A.M. our Boats left the Ship in order to assist at & superintend the Landing of Gen^l Fane’s Brigade, which was accomplished without any Accident, but the drowning of a Horse, by 11.. The Brigade being landed immediately marched about 3 miles up the Mondego & pitched their Tents, which may be seen from the Ship. The Remainder of the Marines embarked in the *Blossom*. Heard good News from Spain – dined in the Cabin in company with Sir A. W., Gen^l Hill, Gen^l Fergusson. Col Beck &c...

2. At 5 A.M. Our Boats left the Ship in order to assist at the Landing of Gen^l Fergusson’s Brigade, which was duly accomplished without accident, and the Troops, as soon as landed, encamped with the other Brigade. Gen^l Hill & Suite also landed this day. At 6 P.M. the *Blossom* weighed Anchor & sailed for Lisbon. Muskets landed - a great diminution in the Number of Visitors; went in the Punt with Major Fordyce to the *Resistance*. Sent Letters fr. *Blossom* to Branhholm and Netherton.

3. This Morning Gen^l Crawford’s Brigade was landed being assisted, as usual, by the Men of War’s Boats. They immediately marched to ye Camp –

Gen^l Sir A. Wellesley & his Staff also landed this day & took up their Quarters at ye Camp, a convenient House being prepared to receive them.

4. A considerable Quantity of Artillery, Stores, Provisions, &c were landed this day. At 8 A.M. Portugese gave Information of a French Privateer being in sight, she was immediately chased by the Men of War's Boats, our Yawl and Pinnace being in ye number. At 2 P.M. our Boats returned, having boarded the Chase and found her to be a Spanish Man of War with 2 Guns & 50 Men, from Cadiz for Corunna. Good News from Spain. About this time arrived the *Scout* Captn Bail; he came on board of us, had dispatches from Gen Spencer whom he left on his Way here. At 7 A.M. The *Nautilus*, Captn Dench, with Gen^l Spencer on board, came to anchor near us; Lieutenant N went on board her & sent the General ashore in the Yawl. Understood the Army, in a fleet of Transports, to be on their Way here.

5. The *Scout* got under weigh but was becalmed – arrived about Noon the *Eclipse* Captn Creyke from Oporto with a Portugese Envoy. *Narcissus* had left Oporto with a Convoy – established a Telegraph with the Camp. Many Stores &c landed this day. A sail or two in sight, supposed to belong to Gen^l Spencer's Armament, but for want of Wind, did not approach very near.

6. More Stores &c landed. About Noon arrived & came to anchor the *Bulwark* Captn E. Fleming, also several Transports with Troops belonging to Gen^l Spencer during the Afternoon. Late in the Evening came in the *Lively* from Lisbon – also the *Blossom* from ditto with Dispatches for ye Generals.

7. Sunday. No Service. Boats employed in landing the Troops under the Command of Gen^l Spencer Came in, at different times, 6 Transports, with Ordinance, Stores &c which sailed from Falmouth under Convoy of the *Kangaroo* Capt Baker a Fortnight ago. *Kangaroo* with dispatches proceeded to Sir C. Cotton. Bad Weather for landing, but no serious Accident happened. Captn M's gig and other boats were upset. *Lively* under weigh at 6 P.M.

8. Boats employed in landing Stores & ye Remainder of Gen^l Spencer's Army. More Money sent to the Commissaries. Arrived & anchored late at night the *Aurora* belonging to Captn. Halsted's Convoy & having 150 Men of the 6th Foot. Company to dinner.

9. The Staff Horses belonging to Gen^l Spencer the Remainder of the 6th Foot – a further Quantity of Stores were landed this Mor'g. During the day many Transports got under weigh with Captn Halsted for Oporto. A Transport containing part of the 4th O.B. arrived, and nearly came on board of us at 5 P.M. but was brought to anchor alongside. Company to Dinner from the *Bulwark*.

10. More Transports weighed & made sail for Oporto. At 1 P.M. The *Crocodile* made a signal for Sailing, but was detained.

11. At 7 A.M. the *Crocodile* weighed anchor & made sail to Southward with several Transports. At 4 P.M. the *Alfred* weighed Anchor & at 10 the *Bulwark*; the Latter bound to Cadiz. Informed this day that our Army were at Leria, & that the Portugese Army had marched from Coimbra.

12. The *Bulwark*, *Alfred* & several Transports which had been becalmed during the Night parted Company before Noon. Capt'n M took Lodging at Figuera & sent for two Midshipmen, some Signal Men, &c. On board the *Bulwark* was a Portugese deputy from Algarve

13. In the Afternoon it blew fresh, but during the morning the Boats were employed variously some of them in removing 3000 Stand of Arms from a Store ship into a Brig, for the purpose of being sent to the Portugese Army south of Lisbon. 4 Students of Coimbra were just on board the Same Vessel – arrived a Merchant Brig from England, which leads us to expect an Army from England.

14. Sunday – no Service. At 7 A.M. the *Jane* Brig, with Arms for the Portugese, weighed Anchor & sailed for the Southward – at 8 the *Resistance* did the Same. Capt. M dined with us today, having been prevented for some time from so doing by Company &c.

15. A few Sail visible in the offing at an early hour, came in & anchored the *Paz* Schooner Lieut. Pring, with dispatches, which were sent on shore – at 5 P.M. came in & anchored the *Eclipse* Brigg Capt. Creke his Dispatches were also landed. The *Paz* sailed to the Southward again.

16. Took in Sand & Water – at Noon we saw a Line of Battle Ship & Convoy; they stood in towards us & the former was boarded about 2 P.M. by the Captain & Lieutenant. She proved to be the *St. Aban's* a 64 – Capt'n F.W. Austin, with about 3000 Troops commanded by Gen'l Anstruther; at 4 or 5 they stood out again, & at 7 the *Resistance* came to anchor – she brought us News from the Army at Alcobassa had met with Accident from bad Weather.

17. At 8 A.M. the *Eclipse* sailed she was afterwards becalmed & only parted Company in the Afternoon. At 12 arrived & came to Anchor the *Peacock*, 3 weeks from Plymouth, last from Off the Tagus. Took in Sand, Water & live Bullocks also some Butter & Cheese from the transports – supplied the *Peacock* with Water, Coals &c. Lieut boarded a Spanish Merchant ship 2 days from Corunna – no News.

18. The *Brazen* Brig Lieut Shepheard came within Signal distance & was boarded by our Captain & Lieutenants. Gent Sir H. Burrard was on board – at Noon she made Sail to the Southward. P.M., 2 or 3 strange sail in the offing, not made out.

19. At 10 A.M. A Lieutenant went to board the *Glanence* & took her Capt'n on shore having dispatches from England – at 11 the *Glanence* came within Hail & supplied us with Newspapers – at 8, 9, 10 P.M. several guns fired in the Offing – very foggy – burnt a blue Light at Top masthead.

20. At an early Hour heard more Guns – at ½ past 6 A.M. returned one – very foggy – at 9 cleared up & several sail were discovered off the Harbour. Lieut. N went towards them, they proved to be a large Fleet with Troops commanded by Gen'l Sir John Moore & convoyed by the *Audacious* Capt'n Gosselin, the *Egeria* & the *Fylla* & *Zebra*. About 20 Sail anchored in the Bay before Night. At Noon Col Duncan arrived, from Gen'l Burrard good news from the Army.

21. Sunday. No Service. The Vessels under convoy of the *Audacious* continued to arrive & they are said to amount to 189 & contain 12 or 14 Thousand Men. A Lady to dine with us.

22. Ship's Boats employed in landing Troops &c. Till the arrival of the *Brazen* with dispatches for Sir J. Moore, when Orders were immediately given to re-embark those already landed altho' 4000 Men, some Horses, & Artillery were on Shore, this Order was accomplished before Sunset at which Time the *Audacious* & as many of her Convoy as were able weighed & made sail to the Southward. The *Peacock* weighed anchor about 10 but only parted Company in the Afternoon. Our Captain's Clark & a disabled Man went home in her.

23. AT 7 A.M. weighed Anchor & made sail to the Southward – Wind adverse till the Afternoon and then nearly calm. At 10 lay to, to receive L.G. Lord Paget & suite from the *Egeria*. Capt'n Hole left the Convoy behind – at ½ past 9 P.M. discovered a Ship ahead burning a blue light. We burnt one & hoisted Lanterns on our Bow – at 10 hailed her & ordered a boat on board proved to be the *Blossom* with dispatches for Capt'n M – very good news from Sir G.W. a decided Victory.

24. In Company with the *Blossom*. Convoy hardly in Sight. At Noon passed between the Berling Islands & Peniche – on one of the Islands a Lieut. & party of Marines were stationed, who hoisted Colours. Peniche is a bold Promontory & is defended by a strong Fort. Came in sight of the *St. Albans* & her Convoy under weigh – at ½ past 3 P.M. anchored about 2 Miles from the Coast 9 M south of Peniche. The *Alfred* & other Men of War at anchor in the same Place. It was here the Brigades commanded by Gen'l Anstruther & Acland landed, with some difficulty before the Battle of 21st – At 7 the *Audacious* arrived & came to Anchor; as did her Convoy successively as they arrived. Found the *Phoebe* at Anchor here/Captain Oswald having brought Gen Dalrymple from Gibraltar.

25. About Noon arrived & anchored Lieut. Fleetwood with the Transports under his Care from Figuero. The *St Albans* & her Convoy parted Company for England. At 5 P.M. the Signal was made to prepare for landing Troops, the 4th Foot & some of the 2d Bat'n. 45th were landed before dark. Lieut. Green of the *Glanence* brought us Letters. Capt. M went to and returned from the Camp.

26. At an early hour the Boats of the Fleet were employed in landing Troops chiefly horses belonging to the Staff. Lord Paget & Suite left us. Dined early & went on shore about 2 P.M. walked to the Field of Battle – stopped in the Village of Maceira, returned by another Road – an exceeding wild and difficult Country – passed thro' many Vinyards – talked with French Prisoners – wounded – returned to the Beach in time to see several Boats full of Horses/Ger.Reg't landed & got on board about ½ past 8. Arrived at a late hour & anchored the *Aimable* Frigate L. G. Stuart.

27. at ~~(line crossed out)~~ Boats employed as usual at the Disembarkation of Troops – at 6 P.M. arrived & anchored the *Undaunted* Frigate Capt'n Maling

with Gen^l Beresford on board. Mr R Assistant Surgeon arrived in the *Aimable* to supersede Mr S.

28. Sunday – no Service. Sent the Remainder of the Money on Shore. Boats employed in landing horses, in the evening in landing Men. Captn A dined in the Cabin with the Wives of 3 Officers – Captn M detained on Shore ‘till dark.

29. At 8 A.M. sailed the *Undaunted* Captn Maling & at 2 the *Alfred* – both to the southw. – at 1 P.M. came in and anchored a Guernsey Cutter with Wines and also the *Glanence* Ketch Lieut. Green. Boats employed as usual – several were swamped & 3 Soldiers drowned.

30. At an early Hour the *Resistance* & several Transports got under weigh – at 8 A.M. The *Brazen* did the same with the intention of receiving Gen^l Brenier from the *Resistance*. More landing this Mor’g, but too much surf in the Afternoon. At 4 P.M. bad Weather expected – made Signal to the Convoy to weigh – many did not, but remained all Night at Anchor – several Accidents – on board the *Audacious* 11 Men were wounded by the Capstan giving way. Steered towards the Berlings & back again.

31. Tack’d on and off the Land about Noon saw Rock of Lisbon – also a small division of the Army – at 4 P.M. sailed for England the *Brazen* and a fleet of Transports with French Prisoners. At 6 Lieut. N returned having been all day in the Boat, at ½ past 6 the *Resistance* passed astern of us & Captn. Adams came on board – sent Letters to Bath & Netherton. *Audacious* parted Company.

Memorandum

Changes occurring among the Officers & Midshipmen

Mr Falkener Midship’n joined in May, Mr Blake killed

July Messrs Williamson & Evanson Mid’n joined

Nov’r P. Heywood Esq’re appointed Acting Captain in H.M.S. *Donegal*
Mr Blucke left us
Mr Ferguson ditto
Mr Child Lieut. R. N. joined

Aug Mr Inkledew left us
Mr Reynolds S.A joined
Mr Voss left us

Nov’r Mr Humphrey left us
Mr Shurmur ditto
Mr Puddicombe, Captn’s Clerk joined

September 1808

1st. Stood on and off the Old Landing Place. Captn Oswald established a Telegraph on Shore. The Army in want of Oats. Captn Hole of the *Egeria* on shore these two days owing to the Surf. *Egeria*, *Zebra*, & *Thais* with a few Transports at anchor. *Audacious*, *Resistance* & other Transports sailing in Company. At 1 P.M. bought Fish from a Portugese Boat. At 3 Lieut. Green came on board with the News of the Surrender of Lisbon and with an Order for us to Cruise off the Rock of Lisbon, within Signal Distance of Sir C. Cotton. About six had a good View of the magnificent Convent of Maffra – at ½ past 4 brought the Master of a Trading Vessel on board – last from Corunna but lately from England – reported the Surrender of Martinique.

2. At 7 A.M. Asked Sir C. Cotton by Telegraph if we might close – Answer No. Stood on and off all day – at 5 P.M. Signal made to close & at 6, to Anchor. Captn visited Admiral the same Evening. Ships at Anchor here are

<i>Hibernia</i>	– Ad ^l Sir C. Cotton	– Captns Neve & Halsted
<i>Barfleur</i>	– R. A. Tyler	– Mr Leach
<i>Elizabeth</i>		– Hon. Curzon
<i>Plantaganet</i>		– Bradley
<i>Ganges</i>		– Captn Halkett
<i>Conqueror</i>		– Fellowes
<i>L'Hercule</i>		– Hon. Colville
<i>Alfred</i>		– Bligh
<i>Resolution</i>		– Burlton
<i>Ruby</i> – 64		– Draper
<i>Africaine</i> - Frg		– Bagget
<i>Lively</i> - Frg		– McKinley

3. The 18th L. Dragoons landed at Cascays at 1 P.M. a Flag of Truce from the Russian Commander to Ad^l Sir C. Cotton.

4. Sunday. Prayers only. Another flag of Truce to the Admiral at 8 A.M. Two or three Fr Captains came on board. Captn M dined with us. At 6 *Blossom* weighed Anchor, made Sail, & again brought to at 7 P.M.

5. At ½ past 10 A.M. weighed Anchor & follow'd the *Ganges* into the Tagus up as high as Belem where we came to Anchor about 1 P.M. *Hibernia* & other Ships followed – Captn M dined with Admiral, several Captains on board in the Evening. Fireworks &c on shore.

6. A very distinct View of Part of our Army on the Hills, where they are encamped. Also a small French Camp on the Beach. *Audacious* & Transports came up the Tagus to embark French. *Resistance*, in doing the same, run foul of a Brig & received damage.

7. Went on board the *Hibernia*. Mr Keating absent – informed we were to go home. Company to dinner. More Transports came up the River. A Portugese Schooner fired at & detained by the *Lively*.
8. At 11 passed up the River the *Africaine* Frigate, afterwards a few Briggs – some Russian Officers came on Board for Provisions – some French Officers & 2 of our 36th came in the Afternoon. At 12 I went on board the *Hercule* & *Barfleur*. Lieut Eyre not in the Latter. Company to dinner. Mr J. Keating was one of them. *Donegal* had the Guard.
9. *Nautilus* came up the River – at one I went with Company to Lisbon.
10. Saw the English soldiers march into the Town & the French Soldiers embarking – returned to the *Donegal* by Water at 3 P.M. Met many of our military officers, two of whom returned with us.
11. Sunday. No Service. The *Barfleur* & 5 Sail of the Line got under weigh & cleared the River. We staid for Bullocks & Water. Lord Paget & Suite came on board for a Passage home, as did Captn Elphinston & Major Molle; Company to dinner
12. At day Light weighed Anchor & before 10 A.M. joined Ad^l Tyler’s Squadron off the Tagus and disposed of the Bullocks. The Squadron consists of the *Barfleur*, *Conqueror*, *Elizabeth*, *Hercule*, *Alfred*, *Donegal* & *Ruby*. The Russian Squadron, consisting of 7 Sail of the Line and a Frigate, under Ad^l Simavin, followed us out of the Tagus & sailed in a parallel Line to the Windward. At 4 P.M. saw the Eclypse steering for Libon. The *Crocodile* & *Nautilus* belong to our Squadron.
13. Sailed in one Line, & the Russians the same parallel to us. Course nearly Westward. At Night the Admiral only burns a Light with us – with the Russians every Ship shows one.
14. Sailed as before. Course the same.
15. Russian Squadron – in two Lines – at 6 P.M. *Crocodile* came astern of us. We all burnt Lights
16. 10 A.M. signal, to sail as most convenient, blowing hard, lower’d topgallant yards, tore the Main top sail at 12. Signal for the *Donegal* to look out to N.E. afterwards to sail between the two Admirals. *Donegal* supported by *Elizabeth* & *Hercule*. At 4 P.M. a strange Sail. Not attended to.
17. Kept near the Russian Squadron – at 5 P.M. a strange Sail – chased by *Nautilus* before dark, discovered to be an English Merchantman outward bound – no News.
18. Sunday. Divine Service – dined in the Cabin. It became calm at Noon & about 4 P.M. the Wind became favourable & we altered our Course Course N.E. but little Wind
19. Wind fair, but moderate & nearly a Calm in the Evening. Russians outsailed us considerably. Ad^l Tyler Telegraphed generally “Conduct of Russians blameable – be ready for an Action”.

20. Pretty well up with the Russians, one of whom dropped astern & the *Ruby* was sent to keep her Company.
21. The Russian Ship & *Ruby* far astern – at 1 P.M. Signal Made to form the Order of sailing – at 7 P.M on appearance of bad Weather – took in most of the Sail & carried but little during the Night
22. All the Ships well up – at 3 P.M. the Wind altered – tack'd & nearly kept our Course. Capt'n M and Ld P. in the Cutter paid Ad'l Simavin a Visit & returned well satisfied at 6 A Russian ship passed close enough for us to hear their Band. Supped in the Cabin & played a Game of Chop. Wind violent & contrary.
23. Blowing a good Breeze – a Topsail torn during the Mor'g Watch – at 9 A.M. lowered Topgallant Masts & Yards, sailed near the Admiral, at 4 P.M. signal made to sail as most convenient.
24. Frequent Showers of Rain. Wind as before.
25. Sunday. No Service. Wind more favourable for an hour or two. A strange sail discovered in the Mor'g Watch – boarded by the *Alfred* and proved to be a Transport with sick soldiers from Goree. Caught a young Hawke in the Rigging nearest land 3 Miles off.
26. No Alteration in Wind or Weather
27. Ditto. *Crocodile* & Frigate recalled by Signal at 5 P.M. Goree Transport in Company
28. Wind changed in Mor'g Watch & became favourable, enabling us to steer Eastward – at 4 P.M. Admiral made signal for *Donegal* to sail ahead & shew a Light
29. Shortened sail by Signal & rejoined the Squadron at 9 A.M. – before Noon the Goree Transport parted Company. At 4 P.M. ordered to sail ahead & burn a Light as before.
30. Shortened Sail & rejoined the Squadron – at 9 A.M. lowered a Boat by permission of the Admiral. Captain went to the *Barfleur* in her & returned about 11 – made sail towards the Russian Squadron. Captain visited Ad'l Simiavin & returned on board about 1 P.M. rejoined our own Squadron & immediately made more sail – but little Wind. At 5 made Sail ahead as before, hoisted the Topgallant Masts & Yards.

Memorandum

TABLE, CHAPLAIN'S PAY

Complement of men		Payer allowance per ??	Widows fund G,H, & char	Residue	Abatement for income tax	Net sum	Chaplain's Pay
		£ S d	S d	£ S d	£ S d	£ S d	
First Rates	837	30.15.0	4 " 6	30.10.6	3.1.0	27.9. 6	Pay
2bd rate	738	27.9.0	4 " 6	27.4.6	2.1.4.6	24.10.0	
3rd rate	640	24.3.8	4 " 6	23.19.2	2.7.11	29.11.4	See
-	591	22.11.0	4 " 6	22.6.6	2.4.6.	20.2.0	??
-	4	19.14.6	4 " 6	19.10.0	1.18.0	19.12.0	
	Complement of men	Payer allowance per ??	Widows fund/Greenwich Hospital	Residue	Abatement for property tax	Net sum to be drawn for	

The French Squadron blockaded by Ad'l Stopford, Off the D'Aix, is commanded by Ad'l L'Hermite & consists of The *Patriote*, *Jemmapes*, *Varsovie*, large Two deckers – the *Calcutta* /once a 50 Gun Ship in our Service/ and two Frigates.

Feby – 29 – 1809

On the 11 of Nov'r 1809 I embarked in the *Glennie*, as a passenger to the *Donegal*. The Former was commanded by Capt'n Tremlett and her Officers were –

1st Lieut	Mr Kneeshaw
2nd	Travers
3rd	Mittin
Lt. of Marines	Carrowther
Purser	Askew
Master	
Doctor	

N.B. *Glennie* was lost in April 1809 – all on board saved

October 1808

1st Wind came fair during Mor'g Watch, plenty of it, about Noon very hazy & afterwards raining, at 10 A.M. ordered to go ahead, carried away a main topgallant Yard & 2 Studding Sails, lost sight of the Squadron – recovered them about 7 P.M. & kept our Station ahead.

2. Sunday. No service – continued our Course at a good rate – carried away two Studding Sails – at 11 A.M. boarded the *Bridget*, an empty Transport from Oporto on the 18 Ult'mo & bound for Falmouth – at 1 P.M. boarded an outward bound Newfoundlander from Southton on the 27th Ult'mo (No Intelligence).

3. At Break of day a Sail in sight, supposed to be a French Privateer – signal of ditto made to Admiral – no Pursuit – about 10 A.M. the *Crocodile* & *Plover* /Captn Browne/ made their Numbers – at 12 saw the Scilly Isles.. at 4 P.M. saw the Lizard. Less Wind. *Nautilus* detached.

4. Sight of Land doubtful – made but little Progress up the Channel – at 4 P.M. a strange Sail – two shots fired at her in order to bring her to – Lieut. N boarded her & found her to be the *Ferret* Sloop, Capt Broadie, lately from Plymouth, bound for Lisbon – received Newspapers.

5. Nearly Calm but a Tide in our Favor – off the Start Point at 7 A.M. Captain went on board the Admiral & obtained leave to use his Endeavours to land L'd Paget &c without separating from the Fleet – on his Return made sail and steered for Weymouth – at 3 P.M. a Lieut boarded a small Vessel from Southampton for Fowey – at ½ past 4 Signal made to rejoin Admiral – at 10 hailed a Pilot Boat belonging to Limington, which kept us Company during the Night.

6. Wind fair – at 8 A.M. L'd Paget & Suite left us & made sail for Limington – at 7 P.M. cast Anchor off the Isle of Wight – the *Ruby* & a Russian being astern and out of sight.

7. At 7 A.M. Captains Malcolm & Fellowes ordered by signal on board the *Barfleur* – at 10 the 2 Squadrons weighed & made sail and came to Anchor again at Spithead about 2 P.M. – the Russian Ship & *Ruby* having joined Company. A Russian Ship ran foul of a Frigate, English, and did her some Mischief. Captn went on shore. Company in the Wardroom. Visit from Lieut. E of ye *Barfleur*

8. Captain on board before 7 A.M. breakfasted with, & took leave of him, at ½ past 1 P.M. got into a Wherry with the Purser & a Mid'n & had an exceedingly wet & disagreeable Passage to Gosport, which Place we reached about 4 P.M. Dined & slept at the Dolphin.

9. Attended Mr Bingham's Chapel – no sermon – an excellent Organ & well-played – called at Dr Burney's & walked among the Fortifications & elsewhere – at ½ past 2 dined & at 4 got into the Coach with a Mid'n & set out for Southampton where we arrived at ½ past seven.

10. Paid Visits – walked to Milbrook – dined in Moira Place.
11. Visits – Walked & dined with Mr Lewis
12. At 6 A.M. got into the Stage & arrived at Winchester at 8. At 2 P.M. hired Horse and arrived at Andover about ½ past 4. Went to Cartright's Musical Glasses and Fire-works.
13. Stopped at Mr Reeves & paid Visits
14. Walked to Netherton & by the way, paid a Visit at Hursbourne.
15. Nothing particular
16. Sunday – went to Church in the Afternoon
17. Received my trunks. Mr R. D. called – rode to dine with Mr D.
18. Mr Hind came to dinner & staid the Night
19. Mr H left us – I walked to Kirby dined and slept there
20. Left Kirby & walked to Netherton – found Mr Metcalfe there – rode to Penton, dined & slept there.
21. Left Penton – rode to Andover – made a few Calls – returned to Netherton. Gentlemen to dinner
22. Walked to Conholt, saw the Family & returned to dinner
23. Went to Church & staid Sacrament.
24. Expected Metcalfe to dinner – but he did not come
25. Left Netherton at Noon, was half an Hour at Andover & arrived at Ampert to dinner – large Family Party
26. Mr H. called – returned with him to Monxton and called on the Sopers & Dr. Shepherd
27. Visitors in the Mor'g – walked with M while shooting, dined at Dr Shepherd's with the B. Family &c.
28. Walked to Appleshaw & paid Visits, returned to Dinner
29. Walked about home, much Rain
30. Walked to Monxton & read Prayers – visited & returned time enough for Ampert Afternoon Service – Hind came to dinner.
31. Walked to Andover & Dined with Dr Hemming.

Memorandum

On the Evening of 8 March 1809 I embarked in the *Defiance*, a 74 as passenger for Plymouth – she was commanded by Captn Hotham and her Officers were:

1 st Lieut	Kippon
2 nd	Purchase
3 rd	Banker
4	Styles
5	Cud
Captn of M	Symmons
Lieut -----	Meggs
Lieut -----	Lind
Purser	Mayheew
Dr	McCarthy
Master	Rameden

Mr Clarke of the *Donegal* was also a Passenger

Received by Quarterly Bills	£	s	d
June 1808	21	11	3
October	21	11	3
December	21	11	3
March 1809	21	11	3
June – by Bill of Mr Tyler	49	14	9
By Cash	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
N.B. £1 “ 10 for the June fee included	<u>142</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
1809			
July 7 by 2. R?	21	11	3
November 7 by 2. Paid in dlr	21	11	3
December by 2 ditto	21	11	3
1819			
March ditto	21	11	3
July Draft on Sykes	25	0	0
August personally from do	<u>101</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>121</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
1810			
June pr. Qu Bill	21	11	3
October – 2 Qu Bills	43	2	1
Nov'r Head & Prize Money	11	0	6

November 1808

1. Paid Visits & dined with Mr Hemming. Music in ye Evening.
2. Walked to Caltford - paid Visits – dined at home – called on Dr H. in ye Evening
3. Saw my mare in the trawyard. Met Mr Willis – called on Mr Burrough – returned & dined with Captn Wilder – Company in the Evening at Mr Reeves
4. Paid Visits – looked into Andover Church – dined with Mr Poore & supped with Dr Hemming
5. Called on Mr Atkinson on my way to Netherton – a pleasant Walk.
6. Mor’g Service at Netherton – went to Church – found a Letter from Captn M &c. Walked to Faccombe.
7. Left Netherton ½ past 10 A.M. reach’d Andover at Noon – left it at ½ past 1 P.M. got to Chilland at 4 – dined & slept there
8. Left Chilland at Noon for Winchester & arrived at Southampton about 6 P.M. Drank Tea in Gloucester Square & slept at ye Coach & Horses
9. Left Southton in the Stage at 6 A.M. breakfasted at Titchfield & reached Portsmouth at ½ past 11. Saw the Captain & left Portsmouth again at 5 P.M. the *Donegal* having sailed that morning.
10. Having travelled all night in company with a *Donegal* Midshipman in the Mail Coach, We arrived at Bath a ¼ past 9 A.M. having passed thro’ Southampton and Salisbury in ye Night. Breakfasted & called on my Mother, left Bath again at 11 – dined at Taunton & reached Exeter at Midnight
11. Having Supped at Exeter, we proceeded in the Mail Coach to Plymouth & arrived there at ½ past 9 A.M... found the *Donegal* had sailed from Cawzand that Mor’g – crossed the Water & walked to Maker Heights – she was out of sight – returned to Plymouth & obtained an Order from Ad’l Young to go on board ye *Glennine*. Saw Captn Brigg & Thompson &c. took a cold dinner & was on board the *Glennine* Captn Tremlett about ½ past 4 P.M. the Captain came on board between 9 & 10 & we weighed Anchor.
12. At daylight discovered The *Redpole* & at 9 A.M. saw the Channel Fleet – at 10 saw the *Donegal* about to join ye said Fleet, at ½ past 11 Captn Tremlett took me in his Boat to the *Caledonia* where I got into Captn Heywood’s Boat & was on board the *Donegal* soon after Noon, where met with pleasant Reception from all my Messmates.

Channel Fleet

<i>Caledonia</i>	Ad’l L Gambier Captn Sir H. B. Neale Captn Bedford
<i>Temeraire</i>	Captn Sir C Hamilton

<i>Dreadnought</i>	Ad'l Sotheby Captn Salt
<i>Caesar</i>	Captn Richardson
<i>Achilles</i>	Captn Sir R. King
<i>Royal George</i>	Ad'l Duckworth Captn Dun
<i>St George</i>	Ad'l Harvey Captn Hillyer
<i>Dragon</i>	Captn Scott
<i>Donegal</i>	Captn Heywood – acting
<i>Glennie</i>	Captn Tremlett
<i>Redpole</i>	Captn Joyce

13. Sunday – no Service – chased & boarded a Packet from Corunna – the French 70,000 strong at Bilboa – hailed by a Gun Brigg at ½ past 10 A.M. did not recover our Station during the day, & at night it was nearly calm. Captn Heywood dined with us, joined by ye *Amazon* Captn Parker, heard of an Action between the *Amethyst* Captn Seymour & a large French Frigate, the Latter was taken

14. Calm & mild Weather. Signals for the Surgeon & Gunner – dined in the Cabin – in the Evening more Wind – sent Letters to Bath and Netherton

15. 2.B due – Wind S.W. but moderate – *L'Aigle* joined on her Way home – in the Evening more Wind – lowered Topgallant Masts – at 9 P.M. Signal made to bear up for Torbay

16. Gale continued – a Wet Cabin all night, made the land early & anchored in Torbay about ½ past 11 A.M. plenty of Bum boats &c. *Dragon* parted Company for Plymouth.

17. Tempestuous Weather. Captain dined with L'd Gambier – much Rain

18. A Small Gale – a Court Martial on board the *Royal Sovereign* – Company from the *Caesar* – dance in ye Ward Room. Sent a Letter to Branxholm.

19. Company on board all Night, some of whom left us at Day light, & the others about Noon. Sent a Letter to Ampert.

20. Sunday – Divine Service – Company to dinner. Captn dined in ye *Caesar*.

21. At 11 A.M. Signal Gun fired for a Punishment, ditto annulled – Additions to our Fleet are *Pilchard* Schooner. *Le Fleche*.

22. At ½ past 8 A.M. Signal Gun fired for Punishment & accordingly a Sailor belonging to the *Alcmene* received 151 Lashes going from Ship to Ship – crime was desertion aggravated by Drunkenness & Impudence. *Donegal* had the Guard, boarded a small Merchant ship

23. At 9 A.M. went with the Doctor to visit the Hospital at Paington – walked thro' Paington, to Tor Abbey & Torquay – a fine day & pleasant Walk – came on board to Dinner
24. Arrived on board Mr Clarke Surgeon's Assistant & Mr Abel Mid'n also T. Hughes with Letters &c. Company to dinner. Capt'n dined with Admiral – sent a Letter to Kensington.
25. Very few at dinner – about ½ past 9 P.M. a Gun was fired & Lights went up by a small Vessel in shore to her Convoy. This alarm'd some of our Officers on shore.
26. *Donegal's* Guard. Officer boarded several Merchantmen – a Signal at Berry Head for an Enemy in sight. The *Alcmene* arrived in the Night, the greater Part of her Officers being left ashore
27. Sunday – Divine Service – Captain dined with us – at 8 P.M. the Wind came round suddenly to N.E. in a few Minutes the Signal to weigh was made & the *Donegal* shewed her usual Alacrity, being first under weigh – left our Purser &c on shore.
28. Wind fair. Course towards Ushant – about 8 P.M. Symptoms of a Change & afterwards a Calm
29. At 7 A.M. Signal made to bear up for Torbay, in consequence of a Change of Wind. Much Rain & Wind, many Signals made – one for the *Donegal* to look out ahead – very Foggy at 4 P.M. ship heard 5 Guns fired & saw a Blue Light – burned ditto – at 5 within a Mile of the Land – at 8 came into Torbay & anchored – between 9 & 10 all the other Ships arrived except the *Caesar*
30. At ½ past 7 A.M. A Mid'n went to the Ad'l per Signal, & brought on board our Purser who had been left behind. The *Quebec* Frigate, with an Acting Capt'n & the *Pheasant* Frigate 18 Guns Capt'n Palmer and several smaller Vessels arrived in the Course of the day – also the *Caesar* arrived and anchored about ½ past 5 P.M. *Donegal's* Guard. Officer of ye Guard oblig'd to board several Vessels. Wrote Letters to Nether-ton and to Capt'n Malcolm.

Memorandum

	£	s	d
Prize Money			
Rec'd June 1809 for <i>Jeune Adele</i>	1	10	-
Nov'r 1810 for <i>Surcouf</i>	1	10	6
- Head Money - Frigate	10	-	-
1813 Head & Prize Money 2 Privateers	3	7	2
1814 – for the <i>Marie Antoinette</i>	18	2	6

Marquis Wellesley, Ambassador to Spain, came on board H.M.S. *Donegal* the 24th of July 1809 – with him were the undermentioned Gentlemen –

Mr Bathurst	Major Armstrong
Captn Cormack	Dr. Knighton
Mr Pole	Mr G. Knight
Mr Forbes	

On arriving in Cadiz Harbour on the 1st August 1809 we found Rear Admiral Purvis in command –

The <i>Atlas</i> /flag Ship/	Captn Saunders	74
<i>Conqueror</i>	Fellowes	74
<i>Leviathan</i>	Harvey	74
<i>Hyperion</i>	Brodie	28

During our Stay at Cadiz nearly the whole of the Spanish Navy arrived, many came from Ferrol & on our Departure, there appeared to be about 14 of the Line in a State of preparation for Sea, tho' far from ready – *St Anne* – Ad'l Alava Commander in chief.

December 1808

1. Several Arrivals, but none of Consequence – the *Pheasant* sailed – recovered two Deserters from the *Alcmene*
2. One Arrival of Consequence – Captn Richardson of the *Caesar* dined on board. Sent a Letter to Mr Cotton
3. L'd Gambier visited the Shore – Company to Dinner & a Dance – about 6 P.M. arrived and anchored the *Revenge* of 74 Guns, the Hon'ble Captn Paget.
4. Sunday – no Service – Wind variable & calm – preparation Signal made – in the Evening the Wind was decidedly West.
5. At 10 A.M. went on shore, landed at Brixham, dined &c with Mr Murray, slept at London Inn.
6. Walked to Dartmouth, around the Town. Returned to & remained at Brixham.
7. At ½ past Nine the Cutter arrived for our pusser to go on board the *Caledonia* – accompanied him there & viewed that Noble Ship – we heard here that we were to be detach'd from the Channel Fleet which was corroborated by our having taken more Provisions than other Ships – indeed we were victualed for six months – at 4 P.M. the Anchor was weighed & we made sail alone for Rochfort, leaving Lieut. Forbes behind us on the Shore.

8. A fresh Breeze & much Motion in the Ship during the Night – at 10 A.M. saw the *Pilchard* Schooner at 2 P.M. the *Indefatigable* Captn Rodd & at 4 the *Whiting* Schooner Lieut Wildey, saw Ushant as we passed

9. At 11 A.M. saw the *Defiance* Captn Hotham & the *Gibraltar* Captn Ball, at Noon joined Company, when our Captain waited on the Commodore, he returned at 1 P.M. when the *Donegal* fell into her Station astern of the other two Ships.

10. At 9 A.M. A Brigg was in sight, no Chase given – moderate Weather.

11. At daylight the *Fervent* Gun Brigg Lieut. Hare was in sight & ordered by Signal to close. Sunday Divine Service performed in the Gunroom – my turn to find Tablecloths. At 6 P.M. the Squadron came to Anchor 12 Miles from Chaperon Light House

12. At ½ past 7 A.M. weighed Anchor & with the other Ships &c worked in towards the Land & came to Anchor at 6 P.M. chased some sloops, supposed to be Pappenburgher, Licenced to carry Brandy – at 2 P.M. extremely foggy.

13. At ½ past 7 A.M. weighed Anchor & with the *Defiance* & *Fervent* stood in towards Rochefort, at 8 *Gibraltar* ordered to chase a strange Sail. At 11 reconnoitred the French Ships 4 in Number. 3 Line of Battle Ships & a 50 Gun Ship, supposed to be the *Calcutta* formerly taken from us, at ½ past 11 made out to Sea, at 12 joined by *Gibraltar* & her Chase which proved to be *L'Aigle* – at 4 P.M. came to Anchor, at ½ past 4 The *Foxhound* appeared in Sight, sent a Boat to Commodore with Letters &c also to *L'Aigle* for a Deserter, returned without him, the Captain not being on board – about 7 the *Fervent* parted Company, supposed for Channel Fleet. Sent Letters to Bath, Branhholm, Netherton & to Mr Grigg.

14. at 9 A.M. sent an Officer to *L'Aigle* for a Deserter, retained by Captn. Wolfe, according to an Admiralty Order, at 1 P.M. *Foxhound* joined company – at ½ past 1 Pinnace & Cutter lowered to fish, & procure Sand – No Success.

15. At ½ past 7 A.M. weighed Anchor & made sail. *Foxhound* not in Company – at 12 past 10, Wind having altered, cast Anchor & broke from it – at 1 P.M. came to an Anchor & lower'd Boats in order to recover the former one, but did not succeed, the Buoy-rope giving way – at 5 a Man fell overboard from the Main-chains – he was a bad Swimmer but was saved by the Activity of Officers & Men.

16. At 9 A.M. lowerd Boats & dragg'd for the lost Anchor, too much Sea to succeed, at 12 the *Cornet* arrived and came to Anchor.

17. Weather moderate at ½ past 8 A.M. lower'd all the Boats to search for the Anchor, but could not recover it. At 4 P.M. A Lieut went to ye Commodore, on his Return weigh'd Anchor and made Sail – at 6 it began to blow a Gale about 12 at night, the Punt was washed away.

18. Sunday – No Service – very bad Weather, at 10 A.M. lower'd Topgallant Masts on Deck. At Daylight saw the *Defiance* and *Gibraltar*, lost sight, but joined Company about 1 P.M. at 9 Weather a little more moderate.

19. Weather more moderate – at 12 *L'Aigle* made her Number – at 1 P.M. got up Topgallant Masts & at 4 T.G. Yards. Steered for our Station at Rochefort. Wind contrary
20. Weather pretty moderate – before Noon squally, at ½ past 12 P.M. saw a Waterspout, much snow & Hail, with Wind during the Night.
21. At 9 A.M. A Sail in sight – *L'Aigle* ordered to chase – at 11 Chase ordered to be general – at 4 PM gained upon the Chase & at ½ past 4 discovered her, by private Signal, to be a Friend – could not distinguish her Number before Dark.
22. Blowing & squally Weather – lowered Topgallant Masts.
23. Fine Weather & moderate – got up Top-gallant Masts.
24. Rather squally but fine in Afternoon – at 9 A.M. discovered a strange sail – at 2 P.M., after a chase, found to be the *Pilchard* Schooner, Lieut Dawe – at 5 P.M. *Pilchard* joined company & passed within Hail of the Commadore
25. Sunday – Christmas Day – No Service. Weather bad.
26. Very fine Weather. The Ships very near each other.
27. Ships laid to nearly all day, the *Defiance* being employed in getting up a new Topmast. A dance in the Evening
28. Fine Weather – a Concert in ye Evening
29. Ordered to look out ahead at 9 A.M. recalled at 4 P.M.
30. Ships bore up for Chaperon at 9 A.M. At 1 P.M. wore – at 5 P.M. *L'Aigle* parted Company
31. At 9 A.M. Signal for Carpenters on board the *Defiance*. In ye Evening a Dance.

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Memorandum

Quitted Cadiz Harbour the 12th November 1809, in the *Donegal* – *Nonpareil* in company – leaving there H.M.S. *Atlas* Ad^l Purvis – Captain Saunders. *Roman* Brig Capn Warwood. *Jasper* Sloop Captn Daniels & *Whiting* Schooner Lieut. Wildey.

His Excellency the Marquis Wellesley, Ambassador extraordinary to the Court of Spain, embarked in H.M.S. *Donegal* for the purpose of being conveyed to England, on Friday the 10th November 1809 & set sail at 9 A.M. the next Day. His Excellency & Suite consisted of the following Persons, some of whom had attended him throughout the Embassy – viz.

The Hon^{ble} Mr Lambe

Mr Clive

Mr Forbes, Secretary X

Major Armstrong X

Capt'n Carnac – 18th foot X

Major Sydenham, a Commissioner of Excise

Mr Pole X

Dr Knighton M.D. X

Those with a cross after their names accompanied the Marquis from Spithead.

1809

January 1809

1st. Sunday – Divine Service – at ½ past 11 A.M. a Sail in sight, it proved to be the *Caesar* & joined Company at 2 P.M. when Lieut Forbes returned to us

2. At 9 A.M. made all sail for our Station. At ½ past 4 P.M. Land seen from the Masthead & about the same time 4 strange Sail, they were considered to be the Enemy, the Chase commenced immediately & the Ship was cleared for Action. At dark lost sight of them – stood in shore to ascertain the Chase had not put back, & then stood out to Sea – at 9 3 Sail were observed ahead & preparation made for immediate Action, drum beat to Arms &c. At 10, Private Signals having been answered, *L'Aigle* came down to the Commodore and with *Naiad*, *Narcissus* & *Comet* joined Company, at ½ past 10 the Retreat was beat, & by 11, all was quiet.

3. At ½ past 9 A.M. hailed the *Narcissus* – at 3 P.M. Squadron anchored in the Basque Roads. Capn C. Malcolm came on board.

4. At 7 A.M. sent to *Gibraltar* for Provisions. At 1 P.M. sent Water to *Defiance* – at 3 warped to the *Gibraltar's* Anchor & were nearly on board the *Defiance* – at 4 *Gibraltar* weighed for England – at 1 *L'Aigle* chased 2 Chasse Marres at ½ past 2 recalled. Sent Letters per *Gibraltar* to Netherton, Kensington & Andover.

5. Finish'd Watering *Defiance* – weighed the *Gibraltar's* Anchor & let go another, drifting over Birth a little. *Comet* sailed in the Course of the Night & *L'Aigle* at 4 P.M. *Naiad's* Guard

6. At 4 P.M. Company from the *Caesar*. *Naiad* fired on a Chasse Marre at ½ past 4. A strange Sail Frigates ordered to weigh anchor – at 6 returned with the *Alcmene*. *Caesar's* Guard.

7. Signal for Letters at 8 A.M. Weather bad. at 3 P.M. an Enemy's Schooner seen steering for our Squadron – fired at by *Caesar* and pursued by her Boats – also by *Alcmene* – Schooner run ashore – much firing. *Donegal's*

- Guard – at 5 lowerd topgallant Masts & Yards on Deck. Sent Letters per *Narcissus* to Branxholme & Thornton also some Dirty Linnen to Plymouth.
8. Sunday. No Service, bad Weather, at Noon a Complete Gale – at 1 P.M. lowered Top mast & lower Yards.
9. During the Middle Watch, got up one Anchor & lower Yards, Weather more moderate, but rainy.
10. At day Break got up the Top Masts & T.M. Yards. Morning dry – Evening rainy.
11. at 11 A.M. Captain H visited all the Ships – at 1 P.M. *Narcissus* weighed Anchor & made Sail. Many Boats employed in creeping for the *Alcmene's* Anchor, but to no good purpose – at 5 P.M. *Narcissus* returned & anchored.
12. At 9 A.M. *Narcissus* weigh'd & endeavoured to clear the Roads, but returned & anchored at 2 P.M. at 4 weighed again & made sail – at ½ past 4 Squadron did the Same. At Dark *Narcissus* parted Company. At 8 Squadron came to an Anchor, outside Balum. Sent a Letter to Bath by *Narcissus*.
13. Fine Weather. The Commodore paid a Visit to Captn Heywood.
14. Captn Dundas of the *Naiad* came on board at 1 P.M. *L'Aigle* joined Company – at 3 the *Alcmene* chased a Chasse Marree – at 8 brought her away & anchored
15. Sunday – No Service. At 9 weighed Anchor – at Noon, anchored in Basque Roads *L'Aigle* having parted Company.
16. At ½ past 7 A.M. Weighed Anchor, at 12 anchored outside – *Alcmene's* Prize not seen today
17. At 9 a Strange Sail near the shore, supposed to be a French Chasse Marree. At 12 Signals between *Naiad* & Commodore – not understood here – at 1 P.M. Squadron weighed & shifted their Birth anchoring again at ½ past 2. At 3 a Strange Sail in sight.
18. Stranger seen Yesterday supposed to be the *Comet* – saw *L'Aigle* today. At 8 A.M. *Caesar* ask'd leave to look for her Boat, weighed anchor & found it with the *Alcmene* – came to anchor again after Noon.
19. At 8 A.M. Squadron weighed anchor and made sail – at 11 *Alcmene* took a Pilot Boat from Bordeaux, at 12 came to Anchor in Basque Roads – at 3 P.M. A Brigg seen standing in – chased & driven on shore by the Squadron's Boats, back'd by the *Naiad*. 3 Boats from *Donegal* – much firing but nobody hurt. Boats returned after Dark.
20. Wet, hazy Weather – at 4 P.M. something clearer, when the ~~schooner~~ Brigg driven on shore yesterday was clearly observed with her Topmasts down &c.
21. Surgeon & Master went on board *Defiance*, according to Signal – at 5 P.M. weighed Anchor & shifted Birth.

22. Sunday – No Service – Wet Weather – at 4 P.M. a Cartel arrived & anchored – boarded by *Caesar's* Boats – and he came on board of us. Lowered Top Masts & vered Cable. Gale of Wind at Night.
23. Top Masts &c got up by Day light – Cartel from Lisbon, 14 Inst. *Donegal's* Guard.
24. Fine Weather – at 9 A.M. Signal for Lieutenants, at 9 P.M. arrived *L'Aigle* & a Transport with Water. Cartel went to Rochelle but came to Anchor at some distance from the Shore.
25. Commodore unloaded the Brig Transport. Capt'n H paid Visits thro' the Squadron & brought us News from England & Spain.
26. At 9 A.M. Frigates *Naiad* & *Alcmene* weighed & stood in towards the Enemy – at 12 *Naiad* anchored in our Neighbourhood & *Alcmene* gave chase to a Schooner & both were out of Sight by 2 P.M. – at 3 Cartel made sail from Rochelle & *L'Aigle* took Brig Transport in tow, but could not get out & came to anchor.
27. Squadron weighed Anchor at 7 A.M. at 11, heard much Firing, supposed from the French Ships & Forts, at 12 saw two strange Sail & chased – they were the *Indefatigable* & *Comet*, & joined Company late at Night – at ½ past 5 P.M. Squadron came to Anchor in the Pertuis Breton, leaving *Naiad* & *L'Aigle* off Basque Roads.
28. At 7 A.M. Squadron weigh'd Anchor – at 9 a Sail in sight – supposed to be *L'Aigle* – at 10, sent Boats to *Indefatigable* for Letters & Papers. At 2 P.M. Signal for *Donegal* to look out – at 4 *Indefatigable* parted Company for L'Orient – at Dark lost sight of the Squadron.
29. Sunday – No Service – A Gale of Wind. At Day light saw Squadron – at 8 A.M. the *Fervent* Gun Brig & 8 Transports with Water; afterwards, it being Hazy, lost sight of Squadron – at 1 P.M. Saw it again & had a View of Sable Doleon – about 9 miles off, moderate in the Evening.
30. Much Wind & squally – at 12 saw Convoy, all safe, heard *Alcmene* had captured 3 prizes.
31. Convoy same in sight at ½ past 12 – as did the *Alcmene* – at 4 saw the Land at 6 came to anchor outside Basque Roads.

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Memorandum

Joined Ship at Spithead on the 30th of Dec 1809. Many Ships of War and large Convoy for the West Indies, Mediterranean &c lying there. On the 3rd of January 1810 dropp'd down to St Helens to relieve the *Achilles*, Sir R. King, being a Station for our Cherbourg Squadron in a S.W. Wind.

P. Malcolm Esq're	Captain of H.M.S. <i>Donegal</i>
Taylor	1 st Lieut
Forbes	2 nd
Jacomo	3 rd
Ferris	4 th
Ellerby	5 th
Rookby	6 th - not joined.
Spurling –	Master
Beattie	Captn of Marines
Walter	1 st Lieut -----
Andrews	2 nd -----
Lithgow –	Surgeon
Murray –	Purser
Elliot –	Chaplain

Changes in the Gun room – Messrs Beattie, Pasley, Lindzay, Rigmaden, Smith, Mr Ferguson and Marly left the Ship.

Messrs Wigston, Dalzel, Elliot, Captain's Clerk joined.

February 1809

1. At 7 A.M. Squadron weighed Anchor – Convoy in sight under weigh. At Noon anchored in Basque Roads – in the Course of the Afternoon, most of the Transports came in & anchored – at 4 P.M sent 4 Boats after a Galliot – she was a Dane, licenced to carry Brandy to London – received Letters &c. by the *Fervent*.
2. The Frigates *Naiad* & *L'Aigle* with the rest of the Transports came in before Noon. At 10 A.M. *Naiad* chas'd & drove on shore a French Merchant Brig & our Boats with those of *Defiance*, drove a Sloop on Shore. The Latter got off Again. Being all Day in getting Water &c from the Transports.
3. Employed in getting in Provisions by Daylight. The *Comet* had sailed for England. At 3 P.M. I went in a boat to read the funeral Service over a Marine that died on the 2nd – on returning called on board the *Caesar*. About this Time the *Alcmene's* Boat had the boldness to row up to the French Ships during the night to cut away a Buoy & bring it on board.
4. Got more Provisions from Transports. Company from the *Caesar*.

5. Sunday – Divine Service. French Ships fired a Salute & draped their Ships with Flags – at 5 a Signal for *Donegal* to take the Guard.
6. Got a few more Provisions from the Transports – at 10 A.M. the Boats of the Squadron chased a strange sail standing in towards us & at 12 returned with the Cartel that had been with us before & now returned, in consequence of Bad Winds, for Provisions.
7. At 7 A.M. *Fervent* & Transports weighed Anchor & sailed for England – at 10 *L'Aigle* chas'd a strange sail – at 11 Boats joined in the Chase & she was taken & brought in, proving to be a Sloop from Gadalupe – *L'Aigle* parted Company for Bordeaux. Sent Letters to Branxholm, Eton & Netherton.
8. At 9 A.M. sent two able Seamen into the Prize – at 2 P.M. Squadron's Boats drove back a small Vessel & provoked the French Admiral to lower his Boats, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 prizes sailed, with a fair Wind, for England. – Concert.
9. At 10 A.M. lowered Top-gallant Masts – at 1 P.M. got them up again – at 5 Signal for *Donegal's* Guard. Lowered Boats & at 7 sent away two – they returned early in the Morning Watch, having seen Nothing.
10. At 9 A.M. loosed Sails – at 7 P.M. lowered T.G. Masts.
11. Bad Weather, nothing particular
12. Sunday. No Service. At 10 A.M. got down T.G. Masts; much firing near Chaperon, cause unknown.
13. Nothing particular
14. Morning bad Weather; Afternoon fine.
15. At 9 A.M. discovered some Men, or Effigies of Men, hanging on the Yd Arms of the French Ships. Captain paid Visits & Master & Boatswain went to *Defiance*. At 12, 2 strange Sails observed in ye Pertuis Breton. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 a Strange sail coming in – the Frigates weighed, made sail & examined her, she proved to be the *Amethyst*, with Ad'l Stopford, who came to take the Command.
16. At 11 A.M. Rear Ad'l Stopford hoisted his Flag on board H.M.S. *Caesar* – at 4 P.M. *Defiance* made a Signal for a strange Sail, but afterwards annulled it.
17. At 1 P.M. a Signal in the *Caesar* for all Lieutenants – at $\frac{1}{2}$ past, Capt'n Hotham came on Board.

18. At 8 A.M. weighed Anchor & came to again at 10 having shifted our Birth. Capt. Heywood dined with Admiral. *Alcmene* sailed for L'Orient at an early Hour.

19. Sunday – Divine Service – at 4 P.M. Boats of the Squadron chased & took two Chass Marrees, the one laden with Wheat the other with Fish. Frenchmen escaped to the Shore.

20. At 8 A.M. weighed & took a fresh Station, not quite so near *Defiance*. Boats employ'd in bringing Fish & Corn from the Prizes. *Donegal's* Guard.

21. The Wind having changed during the Night, at 8 A.M. the Squadron weighed Anchor & stood out of Basque Roads – at 9 saw a large Convoy with a Gunbrig/French/standing along shore – at 12 a strange Sail, supposed a Merchantman for Bordeaux. At 5 P.M. came to Anchor, just before which a Man fell overboard from the *Defiance* & in spite of Endeavours to save him, was drowned.

22. At 9 A.M. got under weigh & sailed to reconnoitre the French, found the Admiral's Flag struck, at 5 P.M. came to Anchor, about 3 Miles from our Squadron.

23. At day Light the *Emerald* was in sight – at 9 A.M. weighed Anchor & joined the Squadron. Signal for Letters to go home per *Naiad*. At 6 the *Emerald*, Capt'n Maitland joined company – sent Boats for two Sailors, who had gone home with the Prize; & for Bullock &c, at 8 or 9 P.M. Rockets were let off, & Guns fired by a Ship at some Distance; at ½ past 10 Squadron weighed Anchor & discovered a Fleet of Ships, in a short time standing in to Basque Roads – Frigates got near them, but, it was dark & the Wind moderate all Night. Supposing it was an Enemy, the Ship was cleared for Action & the Men were at Quarters all Night.

24. At Day-light, saw the Enemy distinctly, being 8 Sail of the Line & 2 Frigates, standing into the Roads without heeding us, at ½ past 7 A.M. *Naiad* dispatched homeward per Signal, at 9 *Naiad* hauled her Wind & made a Signal for an Enemy at ½ past 9, saw them & steered down, about ½ past 10, distinctly saw 3 French Frigates, & the *Amelia* Capt'n Irby, with the *Dotteral* Capt'n Abdy, not far behind them – at 11 The Frigates anchored under Sable d'Olon, at ½ past 11 the *Defiance* began the Attack, & came to an anchor, supported by the *Caesar* & *Donegal*, which latter did not anchor, about 1 P.M. *Defiance* having sometime before cut her Cable, the engagement ceased & the Squadron made sail, the Firing from the Frigates was well maintained & the Shot from the Batteries did us much Mischief. We had a Man blown up & 4 or 5 wounded, one badly; the *Defiance* had 2 men killed & 23 wounded, & was much damaged in her Masts, Sails and Rigging, at 2, sent her a Gang of Carpenters. Admiral in company with *Amelia*, made sail, leaving us to assist, if necessary, the *Defiance*. At ½ past 2 saw several sail to Leeward – at 5, the *Alcmene* passed within Hail of *Defiance* & proceeded to *Caesar*, about this time lost sight of the Strangers.

The French Frigates were supposed to be much damaged in their Hulls & Crews & two of them were aground on a rocky shore.

25. During Night kept off the Chaperon – at Daylight, saw five Sail, which joined Company about 10 A.M. being the *Theseus* Captn Beresford, *Triumph* Sir T. Hardy, *Valiant* Captn Bligh, *Revenge* Kent, *Indefatigable* Rodd. At 11 *Donegal* & *Defiance* anchored & got Stores from *Emerald*, at Noon ditto weighed per Signal & followed Admiral in chase – at 1 P.M. Ad'l made signal of nine Sail W.N.W. & tacked, joined Company presently, and assisted *Defiance* in getting her Stores. In the course of the day 2 French Frigates in Basque Roads were under weigh & 2 of ours not far from them, but no firing.

26. Sunday – No Service – at 9 A.M. Signal for all Captains on board the *Caesar* – they remained there 'till the Evening. The Enemy about 11 moved closer up to Isle D'Air & one of their large ships got aground. Many Signals throughout the Day. Got Letters from *Revenge*.

27. At 8 A.M. Squadron, except Frigates came to anchor – at 10 joined by a Cutter & Torbay Boat at 2 P.M., the *Amelia* & *Dotteral* parted Company, sent Letters by the Latter to Bath, Branzholm & Netherton. At dark *Defiance* made a signal, of being fit to carry sail.

28. At ½ past 7 A.M. Ad'ls Signal for a Lieut. At ½ past 8 *Caesar* weighed Anchor & accompanied by the *Donegal*, *Emerald* & *Amethyst* went into Basque Roads to reconnoitre the Enemy & had the Satisfaction of seeing one of their 80 Gun Ships, on shore, a perfect Wreck. About 2 P.M. drifted back with an easy Sail & at 7 anchored off Baline.

Memorandum

List of Squadron at St.Helens under order to cruise off Cherbourg viz
H.M.S. *Royal Oak* 74 Guns Captn the H'ble L'd Amelius Beauclerk

H.M.S. *Donegal* Captn Malcolm

Owen Glendower 36 Selby

Coquette 22 Forbes

H.M.Brig *Tyrian* 10 Davis

October 1810

List of Squadron at St Helens under order to cruise off Cherbourg

H.M.S. *Donegal* Captn Malcolm

Revenge 74 Nash

Cyane 22 Collier

B. Thracian Lawson

March 1809

1. Heard a sorry account of the 3 Frigates at Sable D'Ollone, which came from L'Orient. At Night the *Amelia* joined Company & informed that the Line of Battle Ships, 3 in Number, were no longer in L'Orient. The *Alcmene* boarded some Galliot & heard that the Austrians had declared War against France &c.
2. At 9 A.M. Signal for Lieut't Captain dined with Admiral – Company from *Caesar*. A Paperburgh Bark detained, laden with Brandy from Rochelle, after Dark Cutter parted Company.
3. 9 A.M. Signal for Lieut't at 10 Admiral visited *Defiance*. Torbay Boat came alongside. Papenburgh Bark parted Company after dark for England
4. At 9 A.M. Signal for Lieut't – at 1 P.M. a Strange sail – at 1, another – at 4 Got under weigh, but as there was no Wind & the Tide was against us, soon drop't our Anchor. At 5 weighed again, a little Breeze & the Tide in our Favor, together with *Alcmene* chased the Stranger & at 9 came up with him and immediately cleared for action. At 10 made private Signal, which, not being properly answered, continued at their Quarters – about ½ past 10 got within Hail & ascertained her to be H.M.S. *Hero*, Capt'n Newman, 6 Days from Portsmouth, sent to relieve *Theseus*. She had taken a Prize from Nantz, & was, when we first discovered her, chasing a French Corvette. At 11 Captain went on board her & the Retreat was beat – on Captain's return made sail for the Squadron.
5. Sunday – no Service – at 3 A.M. rejoined & anchored with the Squadron – sent a Lieut. To the Admiral – at 10, Captain visited Ad'l – at 4 P.M. *Hero* joined & anchored with Squadron.
6. At 7 A.M. Squadron got under weigh – anchored again nearer to Chaperon at ½ past 9 P.M.
7. At 9 A.M. Frigate chased & examined a Galliot – at 11, several strange Sail in sight – at 3 P.M. arrived and anchored the *Caledonia*, Ad'l L'd Gambier & Captains Neale & Bedford, the *Tonnant*, Ad'l Harvey, Capt'n Hancock, *Illustrious*. *Pallas* Capt'n Seymour, *Unicorn* Capt'n Brigs & a Sloop – at Sunset, a Brig & Sloop parted company.
8. At 10 A.M. arrived & anchored the *Revolution*, also at 1 P.M. the *Mediator* – at 6 quitted the *Donegal* & went on board the *Defiance* – at ½ past nine weighed Anchor, & made sail for England.
9. Passengers on board the *Defiance* were Mr Clarke, Surgeon from *Donegal* – several Prisoners, 3 in the Wardroom, taken on board a Nantz Vessel, by the *Hero* – at 11 A.M. saw a strange Sail – at 2 P.M. boarded her – an American from France for England, brought on board her Captain & allowed him to pursue his Voyage.
10. Passed Ushant.
11. At 11 A.M. saw a Sail, supposed to be the Barque with Brandy, sent in by the Squadron. At Night observed Scilly Lights.

12. At Day saw, chased & boarded an English Vessel from Plymouth for Curacoa – Tuesday – read Prayers – at Dusk saw the *Valiant*.
13. *Valiant* far ahead – gained on *Valiant*, saw & signalled the *Parthian* Brig, made the Lands End – passed the Lizard.
14. At 11 A.M. joined the *Valiant* – she left the Squadron the day after us At 12 passed Falmouth.
15. During the Night passed the Eddystone & left the *Valiant* & *Parthian* far astern – at 9 A.M. Mr Pen, the Pilot came on board – at 10 let go the Anchor, at 12 weighed Anchor, at ½ past 1 anchored in Cawzand Bay – at 2 left the *Defiance* & accompanied the Captain in his Gig to the Admiral's Office. Dined at the Crown.
- 16-th Visits – dined with Mr M at Mrs M.
17. Breakfasted at Capt'n M. (Mail?) and about 6 got into the Mail-Coach & reached Exeter about Midnight.
18. Breakfasted at Taunton & reached Bath to Dinner – lodged at the White Hart
19. To the Abbey Church – paid Visits – Company in the Evening
20. Paid Visits
21. At 4 A.M. left Bath in the Birmingham Coach – breakfasted at Hunter Hall, dined at Worcester & reached Birmingham at 9 P.M.
22. Staid but 5 Minutes at Birmingham. Breakfasted at a small Village & reached Manchester at 1 P.M. remained there the whole Afternoon – visit to the News-room a modle building lately erected by Subscription – it is in a circular Form, capacious & well warmed. The Post Office, Coffee House &c are adjoining – in the Evening to the Theatre, performance but moderate, little Company
23. At ½ past 1 P.M. got into the Carlisle Mail – breakfasted at Bruton. People flocking to Lancaster on account of the Assizes – dined at Kendal, reached Carlisle about 10 P.M.
24. At 10 A.M. went to Long Town in the Telegraph Coach – walked to Netherby, returned – bad Weather, at 4 P.M. entered the Edinburgh Mail & arrived at Branxholm before 10.

H.M.S. *Donegal* anchored at Spithead the 12 May 1809 – Rejoined *Donegal* at Spithead July 3rd – Leave of Absence expired 20th June 1809. – A large Fleet of 19 Line of Battle Ships at Spithead, all the 74s taking lower Guns out to make room for Troops, company part of a large Expedition.

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Lieut Baker left us and Jacomo joined. Capt'n Heywood left us in April – Mr Puddicombe Capt'n's Clerk, Mr Croker & Armstrong joined in April. Messrs Rigmaden, Smith & (Marli?) joined in June. Capt'n Brenton took the Command the 24 July 1809.

There are no entries for April or May (the Reverend was on leave). He picked up again on June 27th.

June 1809

27th & 28th. After residing at Branxholm the last week in March, the whole of April & May, with the greater part of June, I left it about 10 A.M. on 27th & rode to Burnfoot to Dinner. I spent the Evening at the Manse & at 2 A.M. took a place on The Mail, reaching Carlisle to Breakfast. I secured a Place to London, travelling the most frequented north road, through Yorkshire &c. We stopped to dine at Brough & supped at Boroughbridge.

29. Breakfasted, badly, at Barnaby Moor, dined at Stamford, the last day of the Races, supped at Eaton and reached London before 5 o'clock on the...

30. Went to bed at the Bull & Mouth, paid Visits & called at Stockdale's – dined at Bull & Mouth & set out in Chichester Mail at 8 P.M. from White Horse Fetter Lane – supped at Ashted & arrived on the...

July 1809

1st about 7 A.M. at Chichester spent the day with Mr Quantock & went to the Play in ye Evening.

2. Went to the Cathedral – paid a Visit, left Chichester in the Coach at 4 P.M. arrived at Portsmouth at 7, saw Capt'n M & 1 & 7 men &c at the George.

3. Breakfasted with Captain, visited the *Donegal*, landed at Gosport, drove a Gig to Fareham, dined with Captain, walked to Camp & supped at the George.

4. Breakfasted with Captain – walked to Portsea, thence to Hilsea &c – dined at the George, crossed to Gosport & walked to the Camp, returned to the George.

5. Breakfasted at ye George, walked over the Dockyard, saw the Block machinery, went on board in the Barge, dined with ye Captain – a large Party – slept in my Cabin.

6. Rainy Weather – at 10 A.M. signal for sailing made by *Loire* frigate to the Indiamen – Arrived the *Sceptre*, *Aboukir*, *Achille*, *Alfred*.

7. Sailed the *Camel* Storeship for the Cape & Rio de Janeiro

8. Artillery embarked

9. Sunday – divine Service – dined with the Captain, Company – *Centaur* and *Venerable* got under Weigh about 7 P.M. supposed for the Downs. *Unicorn* Capt'n Hardyman arrived

10. Much firing by way of Practise, from the Gun Boats & with small Arms from the Ships – in the Evening the *Hussar* from the West Indies anchored at St Helens
11. At 8 A.M. *Hussar* came up and anchored. Company in the Wardroom, in ye Evening a dance.
12. At 10 A.M. went to Haslar Hospital, returned to Dinner – at 4 P.M. *Hussar* got under weigh & left Spithead.
13. Captain came on board & staid an Hour. Ship painted.
14. At 1 P.M. A Salute of 14 Guns fired on Mr Jackson, the Ambassador to America arriving on board *L'Africaine*. *L'Africaine* weighed anchor & made sail at 3.
15. Several Ships arrived & sailed
16. Sunday. No Service. Dined in the Cabin. Company L'd Cochrane, Gen'l Frazer, Gen'l (blank) &c. At ½ past 2 A.M. Boats went to the Beach for the Troops and Embarkation was completed by 8. 12,000 Men were put on board the Men of War.
17. Arrived the *Valiant* Man of War & a Brig. Cavalry embarked. Company in the Wardroom – a Ball dance.
18. Wrote Letters to Branxholm, at 5 P.M. Expedition Ships fired a gun each & hoisted the Blue Peter.
19. Sent a Letter to Netherton. At 7 A.M. *Thais* sailed with Transports, part of the Expedition, for the Downs.
20. Wrote a Letter to Lloyd's Coffee House – received a Visit from Major Eyre.
21. Expedition Ships unmoored at 7 A.M. at 1 P.M. a Salute fired on Gen'l Sir E. Coote going on board the *Bellona*.
22. At 7 A.M. Signal for Expedition Ships to unmoor again; Wind contrary. Company to Dinner.
23. Sunday. No Service. Captain M & his Brother on board. Marquis Wellesley arrived at Portsmouth this Afternoon
24. Breakfasted with Captain Malcolm & Bunton – about 11 A.M. The Marquis Wellesley & Suite came on board; the Salute was fired and a Captain's Guard received him. The Officers &c were all introduced to him on the Quarter Deck. At Noon weighed anchor but little Wind, the Tide favourable – about Sunset a pretty Breeze & fair – N.B. Capt'n Bunton took the Command this day. Wrote to Branxholm.
25. At 7 A.M. exchanged numbers with the *Whiting* Schooner, Lieut Wildey – at 2 P.M. a Revenue Cutter closed with us & sent her Boat for Letters &c. at 5 exchanged Numbers with H.M.S. *Cossack* Capt'n Digby at 9, Off the Lizard met 3 sail Merchantmen. Let off two of Congreve's Rockets.
26. At 9 A.M. two sail passed us, supposed Merchantmen. At 12, spoke an American for London & took possession of 3 Galliot's – 2 of them Danes – at

2 P.M. sent them home under the care of Lieut. Askey, Mr Fawkener, Mr Ogilvie & Mr Parley; made sail with a fair Wind.

27. At 11 A.M. spoke a Merchant Cutter from Valencia to Guernsey. At 6 P.M. discovered the *Amazon* – at ½ past 7 Captn Parker came on board & returned to his Ship & we parted Company

28. At 8 A.M. saw a Strange Sail – at 5 P.M. saw another Strange Sail.

29. At 8 A.M. a Strange Sail seen – first Punishment this day.

30. Sunday – Divine Service on the Quarter Deck. At 7 A.M. saw the Rock of Lisbon upon our Larboard Beam – at 9 A.M. 2 small sail in sight – at 3 P.M. saw the Monchique Mountain & at 9 passed Cape St. Vincent

31. At 9 A.M. several sail in sight. Land seen most part of the Day – at 5 P.M. saw Cadiz, at ½ past 8 made Signal for Pilot, none coming, were obliged to tack on & off during night – at 8 sent a Lieut with Major Armstrong to the Admiral afterwards on shore.

Memorandum

October 1810 on joining the *Donegal* at St Helens found Lt. Carter & Mr. Hunt appointed in lieu of Lt. Groves and Lt. Ellerby – Mr Edwin the only new Midshipman

August 1809

1. Soon after daylight a Pilot came on board & we steered for Cadiz Harbour, on entering about 7 A.M. saluted Admiral Purvis. Vice Consul &c came on board – at 10 Col. Doyle with good News from the united English & Spanish Army – at 11 the Marquis & Suite left the Ship. The Royal Standard being in the Boat, was saluted by all the Ship's in the Harbour, & their yards were manned till his Arrival at Cadiz, when the Marquis was received by the Consul &c and the Forts & Spanish Ships saluted. His Excellency was well received & drawn to his House by the People with incessant acclamations. At 4 P.M. Another Salute was fired by all the Ships & afterwards a Feu de Joye, by the Transports on shore. N.B. anchored at 8 A.M. & moored at 3 P.M.

2. 7 A.M. went ashore in company – called at the Consuls – visited the Hospital for Sick Women & several Churches – dined with Mr Duff the Consul at 3 P.M. – went to the Review & afterwards to the Theatre – reached the Ship at ½ past 11. *Donegal's* Guard.

3. *Hyperion* sailed at 9 A.M. Captn Bunton dined with us. 1st Lt. & myself accompanied him ashore at 6 P.M & went to the Play – returned after Midnight
4. Company to dinner. Captain dined with Admiral
5. Company to dinner. *Donegal's Guard*. An English Sloop of War arrived.
6. Sunday – No Service – accompanied Captn Bunton ashore, breakfasted at the Consul's – called at the Marquis' – went to church to see high Mass performed, returned on board, Company to Dinner – a large Party to the Bullfight at St. Mary's, I did not go – Arrived in the Course of the day – H.M.S. *Hind*, Captn Lumly, 2 Spanish Line of Battle Ships & some Merchantmen from Abroad.
7. Captn Lumly came on board at 8 A.M. and at 11 weighed Anchor – sent Carpenters Crew to Cadiz Band – in the Evening went with a Party to a Ball at the Theatre given by the Merchants of Cadiz to Marquis Wellesley. Number Present (blank space); returned at (blank space)
8. 6 A.M. *Donegal's Guard* – at 8 a Merchantman sailed for England, many Arrivals in the course of the Day. Sent a Letter to Bath.
9. At 4 P.M. a Convoy came in – dined in the Cabin, with Ad^l Purvis – English and Spanish Captains.
10. *Hyperion* & other Vessels arrived. After Breakfast went to Cadiz & took a Walk into the Country, saw a Church and Cemetery, returned to Dinner.
11. At 11 A.M. *Hyperion* hoisted Blue Peter – at 1 P.M. *Leviathan* got under weigh, at 4 *Conqueror* grounded & made Signal for Assistance – sent Launch with an Anchor – she returned at Midnight, about which time *Conqueror* floated – received on board 19 French prisoners, deserters from their Army.
12. at Day Light *Conqueror* sailed with *Leviathan* for Lord Collingwood. *Hyperion* & Convoy sailed for England. At 2 P.M. arrived an English Packet & at 4 A Spanish 74 sailed for Corunna. More Deserters.
13. Sunday. Divine Service – several Arrivals and Departures
14. Some Arrivals & Departures – dined in the Cabin
15. At Noon went to Cadiz & paid visits – returned to Dinner at 3 P.M. set out for St. Mary's, saw a Bullfight – 8 Bulls – 4 killed - & 4 Horses killed – no Men materially hurt – got on board by 9.
16. At 2 P.M. went to Cadiz – dined with Mr Gordon – walked the Almeida – went to the Theatre – returned at 11.
17. At 5 P.M. arrived Line of Battle Ship & Merchantman, both Spanish from South America, laden with Dollars &c. at 9 A.M. a Gun Boat from Gibraltar – after Sunset sailed the Packet for Falmouth, with my Letters for Bath, Branhholm & Netherton. Ladies on Board a dance on Quarter deck.
18. At 10 A.M. arrived some Gun-boats

19. At 7 A.M. a Transport Victualer arrived – at 10 the *Thames* Frigate Hon'ble Captn Waldgrave, both from Gibraltar – several other Arrivals & Departures.
20. Sunday. Prayers only. Mr Duff, the Consul & others on board – at 11 A.M. sailed for England the *Thames* frigate – at Noon, the *Cornelia*, a Spanish Frigate, for South America
21. Some Departures, & a Ship from Liverpool. Dined with Consul – walked the Almeida – went to the Play
22. Gave Mr Blatchford a Letter for Monston – visited by some Spanish Ladies & Gentlemen in the Evening and gave them a Dance
23. At 7 A.M. came in the H.M.S. *Porcupine*, Captn Elliot from Gibraltar, with Gen'l Craddock, Passenger - a Spanish Man of War from Corunna at 9 & several other Vessels in the course of the Day
24. *Porcupine* took the Guard. Captn Elliot visited the *Donegal*, Mr Kenedy sent for to Seville
25. Many Departures – Company in the Evening & a Dance
26. Sailed at an early Hour, the *Asia*, a Spanish 64 - came in & anchored at Noon the *Wildboar* of 10 Guns Captn Burton, last from Lisbon
27. Sunday – Prayers only – at ½ past 11 A.M. came in and anchored a Spanish Frigate from Ferrol – at 2 P.M. got under weigh for Cartagena the *Algisiras*, a Spanish 74 – at 3 the Packet for England & some others.
28. At 10 A.M. went ashore at Cadiz – walked round the Town – went to the Lighthouse, paid Visits, returned to dinner – Blowing Weather – Packet for Gibraltar sailed in the Night
29. High Wind still prevailed – at 11 A.M. arrived & anchored H.M. Brig, *Grasshopper*, Captn Fanshawe. A Ball by the Captain, owing to the Weather not well attended by Ladies.
30. The *Wildboar* sailed this Mor'g for Lisbon – at 2 A.M. A Spanish 74 sailed for Ferrol & a Sloop arrived
31. At 9 A.M. went in a Boat to bury a Marine. P.M. *Grasshopper* sailed for Gibraltar. A Party of Ladies & Gentlemen a Dance & Supper.

Memorandum

The Dimensions of H.M.S. <i>Donegal</i>	Feet	In.
Length of Gun Deck	182	0
Breadth extreme	48	9
Length of the Keel for Tonnage	150	5
Burthen in Tons	- 1901 43/94	
Depth in the Hold	21	10
Breadth, Melded	47	11 ½
Draught of Water Aft	24	9
Forward	23	0

With 5 Months Provisions & 300 Tons of Water. 800 Bags of Bread – 47 Pipes – 33 Puncheons – 92 Hogsheads – 292 Barrels – 64 Half Hogsheads – 77 casks of Lime Juice and 37 Firkins, will victual 640 Men for 5 Months.

	Yds.	In.	Diameter In.
Main Mast	37	12	37 ¼
Top Mast	22	-	19 ¾
T.G.Mast	11	-	11
Main Yard	32	12	23 ½
M T.S. Yd	23	6	14 ¾
T.G. Yd	15	18	9 ¾
Bow Sprit	23	22	35 ¾
Jib Boom	16	30	14 ½
Flying Jib Boom	17	2	see End of Next Month

Mainsail consists of 800 yds of Canvas 20 Inches in Width

September 1809

1. Came in & Anchored at 9 A.M. a Spanish Frigate – do at 7 P.M. Dined at Mr Duff's
2. *Donegal's* Guard – several Departures – Ad'l made signal for Letters – Launch did not return from St. Mary's
3. Launch detained all night at St Mary's, on account of the Swell on the Bar, returned at 8 A.M. At 10 a Salute fired by the *Atlas* in honour of Gen Sir John Cradock who sailed for England in the *Porcupine* – at 11 came in &

anchored the *Goldfinch* 10 Guns Captn Skinner from England – Captain Brenton Visited with us – Sunday – Prayers only.

4. Went ashore – called at the Consuls – read Gazettes – returned to dinner. *Goldfinch's* Guard

5. Sailed & saluted an Austrian Man of War – arrived at Sunset an American Merchantman from Cork – sent a Cable & other Stores to *Atlas*.

6. At 12 came in & anchored a Packet from England – an 4 P.M. came in & anchored the *Goldfinch* from Gibraltar – after dark a Spanish Ship & Brig from Monte Video. Company to dinner.

7. After Divisions went ashore & with a Party saw Signora Viola's Collection of Pictures &c. Dined at the Consul's, Marquis Tweedale &c was there – went to the Franciscan Church and returned to Mr Duff's to Tea – left There at 10 A.M. but met with an Accident, got on board the *Argo*, an American Merchantman & did not get home till past 12.

8. *Donegal's* Guard. Many Arrivals & Departures. At 12 the *Grasshopper* got under weigh, at 5 came in an American from Cork; says she saw two French Line of Battle ships off Cape St. Vincent. Our Yawl with a Party went at 9 A.M. to St Mary's & returned at a late Hour.

9. At ½ past 2 A.M. began to unmoor at ½ past 5 got under weigh – at ½ past 6 The Pilot left us outside the Porpoises – at 8 the *Atlas* got under weigh and joined us about 11 – a little before that we spoke to Vessel 14 Days from Truro – the *Goldfinch* followed *Atlas* but did not keep Company long – at 4 P.M. sprung our Fore topgallant Mast which was soon removed & another put in its Place.

10. Sunday – No Service – *Atlas* in Company between 7 & 10 A.M. boarded 5 or 6 Merchantmen – ditto between 4 & 7 P.M. some of these only 10 days from England, which afforded us some Newspapers, with particulars of the Capture of Flushing &c.

11. At 8 A.M. a Sail in sight proved to be a Spaniard – at 4 P.M. got near a Portuguese Schooner – stood on and off the Land all day, blowing fresh, coasting along by Lagos to St. Vincent

12. At 9 A.M. stood close in to Cape St. Vincent at ½ (?) tacked and stood out to Sea – at Noon spoke an English Merchantman – no News – at 2 P.M. bore up and steered for Cadiz – at 5 Captain went on board the *Atlas* & brought us Papers – moderate Weather.

13. Continued to steer for Cadiz – Captain dined with Admiral – saw several Sail but spoke none

14. Met H.M. Ships *Spartiate* & *Crane* convoying a Fleet of Merchantmen homewards – about 12 *Crane* Captain Staines lately wounded in a well-fought Action, joined company – Captn B went on board of her, returned at 2 P.M. 7 went to dine with Admiral – at 4, saw Cadiz distinctly & had a View of Cape Trafalgar, fired a Gun for a Pilot, stood in after the Admiral – Captn returned about 5 – four Guns fired, but no Pilot came – got safe in &

anchored at ½ past 7. N.B. a Spanish Pilot on board the *Atlas* – Sent Letters to Netherton & Branxholm per *Crane*.

15. A.M. Ships here are *Cossack* Captn Digby – *Minorca* Brig Captn Hornby – *Goldfinch* & *Grasshopper* – at 10 A.M. arrived a Packet from England – at an early Hour shifted our Birth & moored

16. *Donegal's* Guard. Several Departures & Arrivals. A Visit from Mr Duff, the Consul, this Morning – at 3 P.M. A Messenger arrived from the Marquis Wellesley & the *Grasshopper* immediately got under weigh for Gibraltar & the Mediterranean – a Signal for Letters for England – After Sunset the *Hero* a Spanish 74, shifted her Birth & anchored near us – a Spanish Sloop of War came in.

17. Sunday – Prayers only. Company Spanish & English Captains as Company in the Wardroom – at an early Hour the *Goldfinch* sailed for England – at ½ past 7 A.M. the Spanish Sloop of War hoisted her Sails & fired a Salute, answered by St Ann – at 10 made a Signal to the *Growler* Gun Brig Lieut. Crossman, to avoid the Porpoises & sent a Master to steer her safe in, she anchored at 1 P.M. – came from Gibraltar with Money & Convalescents for the British Army – at 2 the *Algeciras* came to an Anchor very near us – at 4 a large Spanish Ship appeared in the Offing – the *Hero* sailed at Noon.

18. 3 Spanish Line of Battle Ships came in & anchored. Went ashore after Breakfast, called at a professional Painter's and saw some good Portraits – went up to the Signal Tower – returned on board to Dinner

19. At 1 P.M. came in & anchored the *Prince of Asturias*, a Spanish three decker /Ad'l Gravina's Ship at the Battle of Trafalgar/ from Ferrol, also a Portugese Schooner.

20. Arrived at 10 A.M. an English Merchantman 18 days from Newfoundland. At 11 a Spanish Man of War Brig – at 12 the *Growler* sailed for Lisbon.

21. The *Cossack*, with Gen'l Blake's Wife on board, sailed for Malaga. The Spanish Brig that came in yesterday sailed today – at 1 P.M. The *Conception*, a Spanish 3 decker from Ferrol arrived & anchored. Captain & others dined with us.

22. The King's Coronation – At 1 P.M. a Salute of 19 Guns fired by the British Ships & returned by three of the Spanish Ships – each Nation shewing the colours of the other. A Portugese Brig came & joined in the Noise.

23. Blowing a Sirrocco this Morning, at Daylight H.M. Frigate *Federicstein* Captn Searle, appeared in the offing with a Convoy – the former stood in but did not anchor, at 11 A.M. stood out again with such Ships as were ready to go home with her. A dinner & Ball by Captn Brenton, present, the Admiral, the Wife of the President of the Junta, (*Machua?*) (*Altamira?*) &c. a Salute of 93 Guns fired on their coming on Board. Weather moderate in the Evening.

24. Sunday. Prayers only. Captain & others dined with us – wrote a Letter Bath. A Merchantman came in & several sailed a Spanish Frigate also went out of Harbour.

25. The Anniversary of the Junta's Instalation a day of rejoicing. Spanish Flags hoisted in the English Men of War, Spaniards fired Salutes at 12 – English at 1 P.M. dined with Mr Duff, no Company there – went to the Play & returned about Midnight.

26. Came in two Merchant brigs & a Spanish Schooner man of War. Hon'ble Marquis became our Messmate, having come on board the preceding Evening – Company in the Evening, but no dance.

27. *Donegal's* Guard. Many Arrivals & some Departures – at 2 P.M. H.M. Brig *Minorca* sailed for Gibraltar – at Sunset the Packet for Falmouth, with Letters for Bath & Netherton – Company & a little dance in the Mor'g

28. Company to dinner & several more arrived in the Evening – a dance kept up till Morning.

29. Many Arrivals & the Spanish Sloop sailed. A dinner and dance in the *Atlas*, (Mar?) d'Altimera saluted – went to a Concert at Cadiz & returned by 10 P.M.

30. About 9 A.M. the Portugese Brig weighed Anchor & got aground; got off at high water and sailed out at 1 P.M. – at 4 an English Packet only 11 days from Falmouth arrived.

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1. Sunday – divine Service – Captain ill – Company to Dinner – No Arrivals, & but one Departure & that a Spanish Merchant

2. *Minorca* Brig made her Number soon after Daybreak, but, it being calm, could not get in to her Anchoring ground till towards Noon – sent her Boat here for repairs. Went to Mr Duff's to read the Newspapers and returned to Dinner

3. Blowing fresh – *Minorca's* Guard – at 4 P.M. arrived from Lisbon 6 Transports under Lieut. Wilkins for Merino Sheep

4. Several Arrivals & Departures – about 2 P.M. A Spanish 74 appeared in the offing, but could not get in to anchor 'till long after Sunset – she came from Ferrol

5. Before 8 A.M. H.M.S *Cossack* was seen outside but did not get in to anchor till Noon. A Salute fired on board the *Atlas*

6. *Donegal's* Guard – at 4 P.M. came in the *Britannia* Cutter 10 Days from Plymouth, with a Messenger for Marquis Wellesley – got Letters from Branhholm & Netherton – at Sunset arrived a Spanish Merchantman from abroad, fired a Salute, which was returned by the *St Anna* by one Gun

7. Sailed at an early hour the *Minorca* Brig for Lisbon – went to dine at the Consul's & afterwards to Signor Garnize's &c.
8. Sunday – divine Service – *Cossack* sailed for Corunna at an early Hour
9. At 10 A.M. came in & anchored H.M. Brig *Roman* Captn Warwood last from *Minorca* – sailed in the Afternoon the Packet for Falmouth, sent a Letter to Branhholm – Company to dinner, and it being bad Weather they staid on board all night. At 6 P.M. sent a Launch with the Stream Anchor to assist an American in distress
10. *Donegal's* Guard, but one Arrival & that from Lima with Money &c. Sent Caulkers & Joiners to the *Roman* Brig
11. Went to Cadiz, saw a funeral – returned on board to Dinner. An American arrived about Noon & at Dusk some English Vessels
12. Company to Dinner & a Ball & Supper. A Spanish Frigate with a poop the *Sabina* came in from Ferrol at 5 P.M.
13. Nothing occurred beyond a few Arrivals & Departures, the Launch did not return from St. Mary's
14. The Launch returned early with two Men missing – at 9 begun to unmoor – shifted our Birth & moored again about 1 P.M. Ferdinand's Birthday – English Ships fired a Salute of 19 Guns at 1 – the Spanish Forts & Ships saluted 12, 4 & Sunset
15. Sunday. Divine Service. A Packet from Falmouth in 13 days came in at 5 P.M. The *Algeciras* employed nearly the whole day in shifting her Birth, altho' unmoored the day before.
16. Sailed at an early hour a Spanish 64 for South America
17. At 11 A.M. went on shore to read the Papers at Mr Duff's &c. & returned to dinner. Company. A Letter of Marque Brig 13 days from Plymouth arrived at 12. The Barge new-painted
18. A Portugese Frigate in the offing at 8 A.M. came in & anchored at 4 P.M. commanded by Capt. Thompson Two days from Gibraltar. A Torbayman with Potatoes and other Arrivals.
19. At 8 A.M. sailed a Spanish Frigate for Barcelona. A Grand Dinner given by the Spanish Admiral Alava.
20. At 8 A.M. A Spanish Frigate sailed for Barcelona – dined at the Consul's returned at an early Hour – came in at 10 A.M. an English Cutter *Earl Spencer*, com'd by Lieut Bothwell from Gibraltar
21. At 5 P.M. the *Britannia* sailed for England – sent a Letter to Bath – Company to dinner.
22. Sunday – Prayers only – Blowing fresh – the *Roman* sailed for Gibraltar at 6 P.M. & in getting under weigh got foul of a Merchantman & carried away her own jib boom &c

23. At 8 A.M. the *Minorca* appeared in the Offing & came in & anchored about Noon Captn Hearne on board – rainy weather with Wind at Sunset, lowered Topgallant masts
24. At 9 A.M. got up Topgallant Masts – several Arrivals &c one in 24 Days from Canada – at 5 P.M. came in an English Merchantman parted from H.M.S. *Ajax* and Convoy off Cape St Vincent
25. King's Accession – Royal Standard hoisted – at 1 P.M. Salutes fired by English, Spanish & Portugese. At sunset struck Topgallant Mast
26. *Donegal's* Guard - several Arrivals – at 1 P.M. the *Pickle* Brigg – Lieut Crawford. *Goodwin* came to anchor 15 days from Plymouth with Mr Sydenham, a confidential Messenger for the Marquis W. *Ajax* & some of her Convoy in sight. Wind adverse & blowing fresh
27. At 9 A.M. *Kangaroo* made her Number at ½ past 11 send our Master to conduct the *Ajax* into port, brought her to anchor at 4 P.M. *Kangaroo* anchored outside. At noon Signal made by *Atlas* for Convoy to England.
28. H.M. Sloop *Kangaroo*, Captn Baker, came in & anchored at 12, several Merchantmen in the course of the Day – Captn Otway of H.M. Ship *Atlas* came on board.
30. At 10 went in the Cutter to St. Marys & returned in the Launch at 5 P.M. At daybreak the *Ajax*, *Kangaroo*, *Minorca*, & Portugese Frigate unmoored & made sail for Gibraltar &c. *Earl Spencer* Cutter sailed for England – sent a Letter to Netherton
31. Dined in the Cabin with Admiral Purvis &c in the Evening a Dance.

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1. At 9 A.M. H.M. Brig *Pickle*, Lieut Crawford sailed for Plymouth – at 6 P.M. came in & anchored a Spanish Frigate from Tangiers &c. Spent the Evening on shore
2. Came in a Spanish 74 from abroad – went to dine at Bailey's Hotel & afterwards buried the Corps of Rodolp Ishmann, a protestant Merchant, at Puntale – returned to Cadiz &c
3. Arrived & anchored this day a Spanish Sloop of War & Brig &c a Gala on board the Admiral.
4. Some Arrivals & Departures – went on shore to dine with Mr Duff
5. Sunday – Prayers only – a Spanish Sloop of War sailed – a Gib'r Gunboat in sight, not able to get in.
6. Gun Boat got in at 8 A.M. *Jasper* Sloop from Lisbon in the Offing – Commander Daniels came in a Boat to wait on Admiral. – Gen Wellesley. Merchantman sailed for St Dominga at 1 P.M. at 2 the Marquis L'd

Wellington arrived at Cadiz – on shore all the forenoon – company Cash'd 2 Bill and paid both Merchants

7. At ½ past 8 A.M. came in and Anchored H.M.S. *Jasper* Capt'n Daniels – went ashore & got change for a Quarterly Bill. Spanish Frigate sailed for Catalonia at 1 P.M.

8. Sent two Boats to impress men last night – brought on board but one – at 2 P.M. came in & anchored H.M. Brig *Roman*, last from Lisbon – at 4 discovered H.M. Brig *Nonpareil* in the Offing – at 5 sailed for England 7 sail of Merchantmen. Bullfight at St. Mary's – after dark came in the *Nonpareil* Lieut Dickeman

9. At 9 A.M. the Packet came in, 20 days from England – Wine, Baggage &c for the Marquis came on board.

10. At 8 A.M. received Horses on board &c. At 1 P.M. His Excellency the Marquis Wellesley & Suite embarked in the Barge, the royal Standard being hoisted in her & the Admiral in his Barge, with the Commander of other British Ships in their respective Boats following in procession. The Fort fired a Salute, which was immediately returned by all the British Ships. On the Marquis coming on board the *Donegal* fired another Salute. At 9 three more Horses came on board &c. At 6 P.M. went in a Boat to bury & read the funeral Service over the Body of a Sailor Boy.

11. About 4 A.M. began to unmoor Ship – at ½ past 7 got under weigh – at ½ past 8 brought to & let go the Anchor – at 9 sent a boat to H.M. Schooner *Whiting* Lieut Wildey, coming into Cadiz 3 Weeks from England, last from Lisbon, with a King's Messenger – at 10 got under weigh & made sail, *Nonpareil* followed us. Wind variable, with Showers. Met 2 Merchantmen standing into Cadiz.

12. Sunday – no Service. Squally Weather – at 7 A.M. fired a Shot, Strange Sail hoisted Spanish Colours. At 6 P.M. sent a Messenger with dispatches to Spain, by the *Nonpareil* – at ½ past 6 *Nonpareil* parted Company for Cadiz.

13. Saw several Sail this day – at 5 P.M. shew'd Colours to a British Merchantman

14. Saw many Merchantmen – among others, the 7 Sail that left Cadiz in the Evening of the 11th saw Cape St Vincent - Dined in the Cabin

15. At 9 A.M. spoke a British Vessel from Newfoundland for Cadiz – about 3 P.M. doubled Cape St Vincent

16. Before 8 A.M. saw 4 Sail to Leward – little Wind all day – saw the Monchique Mountains

17. Saw three Sail at different Times – at 10 A.M. gave chase to One, but pursued our Course again at ½ past 10 – Wind became fair at an early Hour & brought us abreast of the Berling Islands at 8 P.M.

18. Three Sail seen – made the Lat of Mondego at Noon. Breeze freshened after Sunset

19. Sunday – No Service. Blowing Fresh - dined in the Cabin – at 1 P.M. sprung the Main topsail Yard – at ½ past 4 the Sail was bent to a New one.
20. Nothing particular
21. Towards Evening it became calm – at 9 P.M. saw a Strange Sail, fired 5 Guns, made Sail & fired another gun – at ½ past 9 Stranger came down & spoke us, being a Spanish Merchantman from Cadiz, for London – parted Company in the Night
22. Nearly calm all day – Crew employed in getting up the Main Fore Rigging & filling Empty Casks with Salt Water. Dined in the Cabin – Music in ye Evening – at 10 P.M. a favourable Breeze
23. Plenty of Wind & fair. At ½ past 7 A.M. exchanged Numbers with H.M. Brig *Dotterel*, Captn Abdy, at 12 saw two Sail.
24. about Noon, saw a Sail & at 2 P.M., a Man of War Brig – about this time entered the Channel, with a Gale of Wind.
25. Nearly calm this morning – about noon the Breeze got up & at night there was much Wind & rain – at 8 A.M. fired a Gun & exchange'd Numbers with H.M.Sloop *Pheasant* Captn Palmer & got Bearings of the Land from her, which nearly agreed with our Reckoning – at 1 P.M. saw Land from the Masthead – at 3 from the deck – in the Evening past the Start Pt and the *Fylla*, with a large Convoy from abroad.
26. Sunday – No Service – A fine day. Passed the *Victorious* & *Repulse* at St Helens – reached Spithead & anchored at ½ past 12. Marquis & Suite left the Ship at 1 P.M. – yards manned and 15 Guns fired.
27. Sent Horses, Baggage &c on shore – in hoisting up a Cutter at 8 P.M, the Tackle gave way & a Man was dropped in the Water; another named Darlington immediately leaped from the Poop, caught him & brought him alongside on his Back
28. Went on shore to the Dolphin Inn at Gosport

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4. Went on board
6. Went ashore at Gosport – my Nephew arrived – the next day set out for Netherton, visited Bath, and Netherton a second Time – came to Portsmouth on the 29th and on the 30th
30. Joined my Ship
- 31 Sunday, no Service. cleared Lighter. Captain came on board with some Gentlemen

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1. Went alongside the *St George*, to inquire for Lieut. Hind, not on board – went to Gosport, hired a Horse & rode to Wickham – dined at Portsea
2. Went to Portsmouth, spoke with Lieut Hind – returned to Portsea – went into the Dock Yard & thence on board my Ship
3. At 9 A.M. unmoored Ship – at 12 Captain came on board & we immediately weighed Anchor, dropped down to St Helens, the Tide assisting, but little Wind. Anchored at ½ past 1 P.M. near the Following Ships – *Royal Oak*, 74 Guns, Capt Lord Amelius Beauclerk, *Achille* 74 Captn Sir Richard King & *Coquette* 18 Captn Forbes. Dined in the Cabin with Lord A. Beauclerk &c
4. *Donegal's* Guard – no Arrivals or Departures of consequence – sent a Boat to the Dock Yard &c.
5. At 1 P.M. Wind at S.E. Squadron weigh'd anchor 7 made sail, the *Achille* in company
6. Separated in the night, discovered Squadron at 9 A.M. & joined about 11 – Wind having come round to S.W. steered for St Helens & anchored there at ½ past 12
At 2 P.M. the *Caesar* came down & anchored – at 3, the *Impetueux* did the same, both being bound for Plymouth
7. Sunday, divine Service – at 12 passed by for Spithead the H.M.S. *Milford*, 74 – Captain Bayntun – at 1 P.M. the *Princess Charlotte*, Captn Tobin with 4 East Indiamen from abroad. Captain dined in the *Achille*
8. At 10 A.M. H.M.S. *Stately* 64 Guns, Captn Deans Dundas, passed by for Spithead – at 12 sighted Anchor – at 5 P.M. passed by a small Brig supposed the *Antigua*
9. At ½ past 8 A.M. sent a Boat to the Dock Yard, Haslar &c. Boat did not return
10. At 8 A.M. H.M. Ships *Achille*, *Caesar* & *Impetueux* weighed anchor & sailed for Plymouth – at 9 our Squadron, H.M. Ships *Royal Oak*, *Donegal*, *Coquette* & *Tyrian* Brig, Captain Davies, weighed anchor & sailed for Cherbourg. At 12 the *Tyrian* picked up our absent Boat, at 1 P.M. made sail for the *Tyrian* and recovered our Boat &c. the *Coquette*, carrying sail, got ahead of us and in the Evening parted Company
11. At 9 A.M. The *Tyrian* ran down to examine a strange Sail, apparently a Galliot. At 12 the *Comus* Captn Smith & her convoy joined company from the Westward and presently parted Company – at 3 P.M. came into St Helens, at the same time with H.M.S. *Rota* Captn Somerville & a Convoy – at

4 let go the Anchor – found H.M.S. *Owen Glendower* Captn Selby, belonging to our Squadron at Anchor

12. At 12, sailed H.M.S. *Rota* with her Convoy 7 in number – at 1 P.M. passed by for Spithead, H.M. Ships *Monarch* Capn Lee & *Courageux* Captn (Rampin?) – Captain went to Portsmouth in the *Tyrian* & returned at 7 P.M.

13. At Daylight, Signal made for Squadron to weigh – under weigh by 8 A.M. waited outside for the Commodore – *Tyrian* remained at Portsmouth – a fresh Breeze at S.E. saw land from Masthead at 4 P.M. Tacked from the French Land at 6 P.M.

14. At 4 A.M. Sprung the Main topsail Yard, at 8 lowered it down – at 10 got up and the Squadron standing towards Cherbourg all the Morning, were near enough to reconnoitre it at 12 & plainly discovered 2, 80 Gun Ships, a Sloop of War and 3 Luggers. The Frigates formerly here, supposed to have sailed lately, at 1 P.M. wore Ship & stood off the Land, *Owen Glendower* far to leeward – Sunday no Service – Captain dined with us.

15. Cold, frosty Weather – at 8 A.M. Frigate & Sloop sent in chase of 3 strange Sail. Squadron stood in for the Land to leeward of Cherbourg. At 12, saw the Isle of Alderney & at ½ past 1 P.M., having stood in pretty close to La Hogue, wore Ship & stood off the Land.

16. In the Night parted from Frigate & Sloop – Wind shifting – at Noon saw the Isle of Wight & French Coast, at ½ past 1 P.M. *Donegal's* Signal made to look out – carried more sail & about Sunset parted company with the *R.Oak* – but in the first Watch got sight of her again, & observed her boarding a Brig.

17. About Noon the two Coasts of France and England visible – the Frigate in sight but not the Sloop – began to paint the Ship.

18. Becalmed the whole Day off Portland – in Morning Watch, spoke a Merchantman from Martinique for London, at ½ past 9 A.M. Captain went to *the R.O.* and at noon returned on board with Ld A. B., who remained on the *Donegal* about 2 Hours but did not dine.

19. At 9 A.M. Captn James Green of H.M. Gun brig *Sarpendon* came on board & returned presently & made sail for the English shore – at ½ past 12 P.M. spoke an American Merchantman from Baltimore for London; several sail in sight during the Day – not far from Portland

20. H.M.S. *Coquette* joined company in the Night & at 10 A.M. was ordered to make sail & look out, towards Cherbourg. Land seen today on both sides.

21. Sunday – No Service – at 8 A.M. our signal to chase – at ½ past 9 fired a Gun & brought to a Merchantman from London for Martinique – she was a Letter of Marque and her lower Rigging was gone – at ½ past 12, saw two strange Sail but did not chase. In the morning Watch the Frigate joined & gave the Alarm of the Enemy being out of Cherbourg but it was not true.

22. Nothing particular

23. At 10 A.M. our Signal to look out, at 2 P.M. reconnoitred the Enemy in Cherbourg, observed a Brig additional, at 3 exchanged Numbers with the

Ant Schooner Captn Young from Portsmouth – she joined company in the Evening on recovering our Station saw Alderney & the Caskett Lights

24. At 8 A.M. sent an Officer to board a Merchant Schooner, with fruit from the Western Islands, last from Plymouth for London. Officer proceeded to the *R.Oak* & returned with Letters, Newspapers, &c. brought out by the *Ant* – at ½ past 11, Captn went on board the *R. Oak* & took the Letters &c with him for the *Ant*. *Ant* parted Company at ½ past 12 P.M. Sent Letters to Messrs Little & Ogilvie

25. A General Exercise in the Ship – the Marines fired

26. In the Course of the Night saw the Commodore's blue Light, but found ourselves alone at Daylight, at 11 saw a strange Sail, apparently bound for Alderney – endeavoured to reconnoitre at Cherbourg but the shifting of the Wind prevented it – at 6 P.M. stood from the land

27. Worked up to Cherbourg & at 2 P.M. saw the Enemy as before – at 9 A.M. saw the Frigate at 1 P.M. saw the Commodore & joined Company in the Evening

28. Sunday. Prayers only – Frigate joined Company at 12, having pick'd up a Boat, with 6 Portugese Prisoners who had made their Escape from France – at 5 P.M. the *Hope* Brigg Captn Pearce joined Company & brought Papers & Letters from Portsmouth – immediately parted company.

29. At 10 A.M. Commodore invited our Captain to come on board *R.Oak*. He went and returned at Noon – at ½ past 12 P.M. Frigate joined Company making the Signal for a strange sail in Cherbourg harbour at ½ past 1 to reconnoitre, but the Weather was thick & hazy

30. At 9 A.M. ordered by Signal to look out N.E made sail immediately & at ¼ past 12 P.M. lost sight of the Commodore – at ½ past 12 saw the Isle of Wight, & 3 or four sail – spoke none of them at ½ past 1 – stood back for our Commodore & joined Company in the Night

31. at 11 A.M. stood up to Cherbourg & reconnoitred the Enemy whom are found as last reported – at ½ past 1 P.M. Captain went to dine with Commodore on his own Invitation – at ½ past 4 returned – Wind chang'd S.W. & Weather became wet.

February 1810

1. Early in the Morning Watch, bore up and stood for the English shore, which we saw at 4 P.M., but it being hazy, hauled to the Wind & stood off again

2. At an Early Hour bore up & made for St. Helen's, but it being nearly Calm, did not come to an Anchor 'till 5 P.M. – sent a Boat to Portsmouth with Letters at ½ past 1 P.M. Captn Davis of the *Tyrian* came on board at 2 & brought Letters &c. Sent a Letter to Monxton

3. At 10 A.M. L'd G. Beauclerk came on board – got up the new Topsail Yd brought out by *Tyrian* – at 1 P.M. Gig returned from Portsmouth – at 3 –

sent two Sick Men to ye Hospital – sent Letters to Netherton and Kensington – Captain's at Portsmouth. Got Beer & Water from Lighter

4. Sunday – No Service – Crew Busy – Captn returned from Portsmouth at 12 – Weighed anchor, with *R. Oak* at 2 P.M. Wind N.E. H.M.S. *Milford* past us – left *Ganymede* at St. Helens. A Sailor died.

5. At 8 A.M. buried a Sailor. *Milford* in sight bound to Basque Roads. At 4 P.M. *Firm* Gun brig, Lt. Little in sight, also a convoy of Merchantmen, bound up Channel and another steering downwards

6. Anniversary of the Victory off St Domingo, obtained 4 Years ago by Sir Thomas Duckworth in which the *Donegal* had a principal Share, having 14 Men killed & about 40 wounded, & the Ship otherwise damaged – at ½ past 12 P.M. saw a Merchantman

7. At ½ past 8 A.M. The *Firm's* telegraph that she had been captured on her return from India by H.M.S. *Valiant* Captn Bligh, off Belle Isle.

8. At 4 P.M. saw a Frigate & Schooner at a distance – at 5 spoke the *Tarpedon* & sent a Boat to her – no News. Wind freshened.

9. About 11 A.M. hailed a Merchant Vessel but she was too far off to convey us an answer

10. At 9 A.M. Captain paid Commodore a Visit – at 11 saw a strange Sail, ditto at 3 P.M.

11. Sunday – no Service. At 9 A.M. made all sail after a Strange Sail & at 10 sent a Boat to Board a light Collier from Topsham to the North – at 3 P.M. a Brigg & 3 Cutters in sight – not chased.

12. Stood up for Cherbourg and at 1 P.M. reconnoitred the Enemy – no Change; about the same time joined Company with *O Glendower* and *Coquette* – at 2 communicated with the former, from whom we received our Pilot, left at St Helens, & Letters & Papers

13. At an early Hour bore up for St Helens, blowing fresh – during the Mor'g saw several Sail, one like an outward bound Frigate – at ½ past 1 P.M. Squadron anchored at St Helens where we found H.M. Ships, *Africa* &c. the *Rapid* Schooner & several Merchantmen past by. Sent a boat ashore & by it a Letter to Netherton.

14. Captain went to Commodore & returned by 11 – sent Gig ashore at 12 – unloaded Lighter of Water at 3 – sailed H.M.S. *Africa* 64 Captn Dundas at _ sent Letter to Edinburgh

15. Very Bad Weather - Wind & Snow - at 1 P.M. cleared up at 4 Squadron weighed anchor & made sail for Cherbourg. *O. Glendower*, having a foul'd anchor remained behind.

16. Fine Weather but cold. At daylight in sight of the Isle of Wight covered with Snow. At ½ past 7 A.M. chased & fired 2 Guns – at ½ past 8 sent an Officer to board a three masted Schooner outward bound from London. By 12 in sight of the French Coast – at 3 P.M. having seen the larger Ships in

Cherbourg, wore Ship – at 4 the Frigate joined company – at ½ past 4 sent an Officer on board a Dutch Galliot, bound for Nantz, in ballast, licenced.

17. At 8 A.M. got down Topgallant Masts & Yards. At ½ past 10, signal made to Chase, at ½ past eleven got up with Chase & hailed a Ship from Malta having up a Quarantine Flag, she had parted from H.M.S. *Bulwark's* Convoy - about the same time exchanged numbers with H.M.S. *Tribune* Capt'n Reynolds - at 12 got up topgallant Masts & presently joined Commodore

18. Sunday – Prayers – Commodore chased a Cutter & Brig, having Troops for Guernsey & put them under the Protection of *Coquette* – Captain visited Commodore but returned to dine with us.

19. About 10 A.M, saw the *Hope* Brig – at 11 a large Convoy of 70 sail standing through the Needles outward bound. At 1 P.M. the Frigate *O. Glendower* sent to reconnoitre

20. At Noon the Coasts of England & France visible on the Deck. In the Course of the Day several Vessels & boarded one at ½ past 1 P.M. from London for Jamaica with Stores – at 4 Capt'n visited Commodore & soon after he returned, the *Donegal* parted Company

21. About 11 A.M. reconnoitred Enemy in Cherbourg, as before – at 3 P.M., joined Commodore & Frigate – observed a few Sail in ye Mor'g

22. At 10 A.M. Commodore only in company, bore up – at 2 P.M. carried more sail – at a Quarter past Six Ship grounded on the Princessa Shoal, but by the rising of the Tide got off at a Quarter past 7 & anchored by 8 at St Helens – sent an Officer to the Commodore. Fell in with H.M.S. *Quebec* Capt Lukin steering up Channel – a Rear Ad'l's Flat on board, supposed Ad'l Manley Dixon.

23. At 1 P.M. obtained Letters & Papers from the Admiral's Tender – at 4 P.M. a Tender with fresh Beef came alongside. Capt'n dined with Commodore. Arrived H.M.S. *L'Aigle* – sent 3 Sick Men to the Hospital.

24. at 6 A.M. Captain went ashore in the Yawl – at 11, arrived H.M.S. *Christian* 7th from Spithead. At 1 P.M. Yawl returned without Captain. Got in Water & Beer – blowing fresh – after dark got down T.G Masts

25. Sunday – No Service – at 8 A.M. got up T.G. Masts & 3 P.M. got them down on deck & lower'd the lower Yards, is blowing very fresh – about this time arrived & anchored the *Owen Glendower* & *Coquette*; also the Squadron from Off Havre viz H.M.S. *Diana* Capt'n Grant - *Pallas* C. Cadogan – *Ganymede* Capt'n Cathcart & a Danish Vessel. Company to Dinner.

26. Captain came on board at 11 A.M. & returned to the Shore at 2 P.M. Captains Forbes, Grant, Cadogan & Cathcart paid him a morning Visit. At 8 A.M. got up Masts & Yards – at 1 P.M. *Owen Glendower* sailed for Spithead – at 3 *Pallas* shifted her Birth, being too near to us

27. At 11 A.M arrived the *Norge* 74 Capt'n Ranier from Lisbon with Mr Villiers – also *Persian*, latter sailed again at 3 P.M.

28. Sailed this day A.M. Ships *Diana*, *Pallas* and *Ganymede*, about 11 A.M. heard much fire, which proved to be the *Diana* at a general Exercise – Captains &c came on board about Noon – at 1 P.M. weighed Anchor. Captain Nixon came to visit us. Sent Linen ashore.

March 1810

1. At 9 A.M. sent a Boat to Portsmouth which returned, bringing our old Acquaintance the Dog at 2 P.M. dined in the Cabin with Capt'n L'd G. Beauclerk, Capt'n Forbes, Nixon, &c
2. At 9 A.M. Captains went ashore – at 1 P.M. passed by for Spithead H.M.S. *Cerberus* 32 Guns, Capt'n Whitby – at 3 got Water on board
3. Captain came on board to dinner
4. Sunday – divine Service – too foggy to see the *R.Oak* – sent Letters to Andover & Kensington
5. At 9 A.M. got under weigh & made sail *R.Oak* in Company – at 1 P.M. *Coquette* joined & telegraphed “Enemy as before” at 4 *Owen Glendower* joined & brought our Sergeant of Marines & Letters; two latter parted company to look out
6. Wind variable with Rain, about 4 P.M. made the French Land & discovered the Enemy in Cherbourg as before – about 5 wore Ship
7. At 9 A.M. boarded a Spanish Ship bound from London to Plymouth, but by mistake was nearly going into Cherbourg – gave her a Compass & directed her how to Steer – *Coquette* & *Owen Glendower* seen at a distance
8. At an early Hour bore up – Commodore at a Distance – at 9 A.M. fired two Guns & exchanged Numbers with H.M.S. *Redpole* Cap'n Macdonnel – at 1 P.M. *Coquette* joined Company – at 2 came to an Anchor St Helens
9. At ½ past 7 A.M. Captain went to Commodore & afterwards accompanied him to Portsmouth – Windy Weather – at Dark came in & anchored the *Pallas* – sent my Servant to Portsmouth – sent Letters to Edinburgh, Netherton & Greenwich.
10. Blowing a Gale all Day, at 12 came out a small Revenue Cutter – passed by for Spithead at 3 P.M. H.M.S. *Ganymede*, with an American Brig. Came in about dark H.M.S. *Pallas*
11. Sunday, Divine Service – Caterer returned with some additional Stock – Lieut. Rokeby joined us. At 12 came in a Lugger privateer, prize to *Owen Glendower*, which also arrived. Passed by bound to the Estuary, many Merchantmen, also H.M. Ships *Hero*, *Rose* & *Tyrian*. Company to dinner.
12. At 8 A.M. began to clear Lighter – at ½ past 12 Captain came on board – sent a Boat to Dock Yard – at 4 P.M. passed up Channel an E. Indiaman
13. At 7 A.M. *Owen Glendower* weighed & made sail, at 9 *R.Oak* & *Donegal* did the same leaving *Coquette* at Anchor. *Donegal's* Messenger stranded,

which caused some delay – A line of Battle Ship, supposed to be the *Scipion* Captain Bateman came out from Spithead – Lt. Forbes left us, on leave – Messrs Murray, Jaccomb, Anderson left behind – saw Barfleur Light at 9 P.M. sent Certificates to my Agent.

14. About 8 A.M. saw the Enemy in Cherbourg & the *Owen Glendower* under the Land – at 1 P.M. saw *Coquette*, ordered by Commodore to reconnoitre – at 6, Mr Murray came from *Coquette* informing us that the Brig was missing at Cherbourg. Blowing fresh.

15. Almost a Gale – Gallery Window stove in by a Sea – at 12 met H.M.S. *Hound* Lt. Lockyair at 4 P.M. met H.M.S. *Dexterous* Lt. Tomlinson; coming within Hail of Commodore, she ran foul & carried away her Gib Boom – after dark separated.

16. At 12 a Merchant Brigg passed us steering down Channel – saw Cap La Hogue

17. At 9 A.M. saw a Merchant Sloop steering down Channel – *Coquette* in Company – Glendower seen at a distance

18. Sunday – No Service – rather boisterous Ship's Company mustered by (boats?) *Coquette* sent per Signal to cruise off Cape Barfleur. Weather in the Evening quite moderate

19. Weather continued moderate – at ½ past 7 A.M. sent a Boat to Commodore, which returned with our Officers – at 8 stood over for the English Coast – about 1 P.M., having lost sight of Commodore, saw the Isle of Wight – at 2 tacked – soon after Sunset, joined *R. Oak* & *Coquette*

20. At 9 A.M. Capt'n went to Commodore – returned at Noon & at 2 P.M. accompanied by Capt'n Forbes, went to dine in *R. Oak* – at 10 A.M. a Survey on the *Coquette*, found unfit to remain at Sea, her Stern Frame being much shook, & in some places rotten – at dark *Coquette* parted Company for Portsmouth.

21. At 8 A.M. lowered All Boats, arrived the (sergeant?) with Carronades – another with Rockets &c & had a General Exercise of Rowing, Sailing &c at (?) past 11, embarked Marines – at ½ past 12 P.M. hoisted in Boats

22. At ½ past 9 A.M. having chased & fired 2 Guns, boarded a Swedish Brigg laden with Fruit & Salt from St. (Albis?), last from Plymouth, for Stockholm. At 11 saw a Convoy steering up Channel – at ½ past 12 P.M. counted 52 Sail – at ½ past 1 – Commodore offered his Company to dinner, which was accepted – he came & returned at Sunset.

23. H.M.S. *Linnet* Lt. Tracy joined company & proceeded to her Station off Havre. At ½ past 9 A.M. reconnoitred Enemy, found them as before, at Noon joined Commodore – at 4 P.M. a strange sail observed.

24. At 8 A.M. sent a Boat the *Ant* Schooner and got Letters & Papers – at 9 Captain visited Commodore, returned & 10, soon after which the *Ant* parted Company

25. Sunday – No Service, Blowing Fresh – before 8 A.M. boarded a Spanish Merchantman having lost his Way – 3 days from Plymouth for London

26. At 9 A.M. our signal to reconnoitre – at 10 saw the Enemy as before – at 6 P.M. saw a Frigate
27. Before 8 A.M. The *Rapid* Brig made her Number. Wind variable with Rain – Barfleur Lights in night at 8 P.M.
28. At 4 A.M. bore up for St Helens, where we anchored, Commodore in Company – at 10 met a large Convoy coming out, for the Eastward – came in & anchored H.M.S. *Formidable* – H.M. Brig *Papillon* – found *Diana* at Anchor – *Papillon* at 4 P.M. proceeded to Spithead & another Convoy for the Eastward came out. Capt'n went ashore
29. At ½ past 11 A.M. came in & anchored H.M. Frigate *Loire*, Capt'n Schomberg from the West Indies, with Gen'l Ernouf & Staff Prisoners – sent two Boats to Portsmouth. got off my linen
30. H.M. Ships *Formidable* & *Loire* passed up to Spithead about 8 A.M. – at 1 P.M. accompanied my Nephew to Fareham & dined at Captain Dashwood's.
31. At 10 A.M. set out for Gosport & Portsmouth, and at 12 accompanied my Captain in his Gig to the *Donegal* – got on board at ½ past 2 P.M. at 5 came in & passed up to Spithead H.M. Ships *Savage* & *Vestal*

April 1810

- 1st Sunday – No Service – Wind variable but moderate – at ½ past 7 A.M. got under weigh – *R.Oak* & *Coquette* in company – sent a Letter to Fareham
2. Before 8 A.M. saw the Enemy's Coast – about 11 *Glendower* joined Company – at 4 P.M. Captain went to Commodore & returned at 6.
3. A thick Fog, clearing about 11 A.M. The Ships composing the Squadron close together – at 1 P.M. *Coquette*'s signal to reconnoitre – at 4, she returned having seen the Enemy as before
4. Blowing a Gale – bore up at an early Hour but owing to Wind & Tide did not reach our Anchorage 'till 2 P.M. at 4, (MM?) arrived Letters &c from the Tender, my Nephew also came on board. Saw the (Home?) Squadron coming in.
5. At 8 A.M. Captain &c went ashore – several Arrivals & Departures – at 5 P.M. came in & anchored the *Rapid* Schooner
6. Blowing a strong Gale – lowerd Masts & Yards – came in the *Clyde* from Lisbon, the *Hardy* from Cadiz & the *Helena* with Convoy from Cork – Captain on board by 10 A.M.
7. At daylight got up Masts & Yards it being quite Moderate. At 1 P.M. A Fleet from India convoyed by H.M. Brig *Racehorse*, Capt'n Fisher anchored at the

Northerbank; Captain dined with Commodore & went ashore after dinner. H.M.S. *Loire* came out & sailed for the Westward at 6. *Glendower* to Spithead. Lt Jaccomb left us – sent Letters to Netherton & (??)

8. Sunday. No Service. At 7 A.M. got under weigh in company with R. Oak & *Coquette*, *Ganges* came out & sailed for the Eastw'd. *Naiad* came out to relieve Owen *Glendower*. *Donegal* & *Coquette* carried a Press of Sail. Latter beat by the former. Saw the Enemy at 5 P.M. at 6 joined Commodore. H.M.S. *Naiad* 38 Guns, Capt'n Hill being one of the Squadron – at 7 spoke the *Linnet*.

9. At 4 P.M. repeated the Number of H.M.S. *Niobe*, Capt'n Loring

10. At 9 A.M. beat to Quarters for a General Exercise – at 3 P.M. *Diana* & *Linnet* in sight – by the latter sent a Letter to Portland St. – at 6 saw *Naiad* boarding two Vessels.

11. At 11 A.M. boarded a Revenue Cutter – No News; at 3 P.M. saw a Merchantman

12. Blowing pretty fresh – nothing particular

13. Moderate – at ½ past 12 P.M. exchanged Nos with the *Dexterous*. - after sunset Wind Westerly

14. Before 8 A.M. discovered 10 Sail of Indiamen & Southseamen, outward bound, under convoy of the H.M. Frigate *Horatio*, Capt'n Scott. At 10 Captain went on board the *Horatio* & about 11 returned with News of the Riot in London about Sir F. Burdett – at 12 the Preston Indiaman passed near us – saw the *Dexterous*. Captain dined with Commodore – at 9 P.M. Captain returned & *Coquette* sailed for Spithead.

15. Sunday. No Service. India Fleet astern at 10 A.M. came to anchor in Portland Roads – another small Convoy going up Channel – at 1 P.M. 1 Convoy passed by – at 4 accompanied Captain to Portland & returned at Sunset, sent a Letter to Amport.

16. Before 8 A.M. A Boat to Weymouth, another to Portland. Boats returned at ½ past 9 – got under weigh immediately, leaving 3 Men behind. At 6 P.M. a Boat to the *Oak* & another to *Coquette* – the last returned with the Purser, Papers &c.

17. Saw several Sail this day – at 9 P.M. boarded an American Schooner, from Lisbon for Toningen, with Wool.

18. Made our Number to Isle of Wight at 10 A.M. & at 1 P.M. to R. William at Spithead, but, the Wind shifting, did not Anchor, but made sail for Cherbourg – sent a Letter ashore & heard of L'd Collingwood's Death – saw the *Dexterous* & others

19. Fished with a Trawl & broke it & at 1 P.M. heard Firing &, by signal, made Sail to look out – at 7 saw the French Coast, but could not distinguish Cherbourg or the *Naiad*

20. Good Friday. Prayers only – heard from *Coquette* that the Enemy were as usual – at 10 A.M. boarded An American from Cadiz for Gottenburgh, at 4 P.M. Captain paid a visit to Commodore
21. At 8 A.M. fired a Musket & afterwards a great Gun, to bring to a Pilot Boat, sent our boat on board her, with Letters – at 9 sent Carpenters to Commodore – at ½ past 11, made all Sail in Chase – about 1 P.M. came up with & boarded a Lugger from London for Guernsey – at 7 received Carpenters from Commodore – Signal for *Coquette* to repair off Cherbourg – saw Portland Lights
22. Sunday – Divine Service – saw the *Rapid* most part of ye day – at 12 Commodore steered for Weymouth giving the Donegal permission to look out South – about 3 P.M. made the French Coast & saw *Naiad* & *Coquette* at 4 tacked, & at 10 boarded H.M. Sloop *Dauntless* 18 Guns, Captain Barber, from the Coast of Africa for the Downs
23. Nearly calm – steered for Weymouth – saw the *R.O* at Anchor, the *Rapid* & *Dexterous* under weigh, at 4 P.M. Captn left the Ship – anchored before 5 P.M. Captain returned at Night.
24. Got under weigh before 8 A.M. & anchored in Portland Roads at 9 – *Coquette* anchored outside – spent the Day at Weymouth, dinner at King’s Head (??)
25. At 5 A.M. got under weigh & made Sail for Station – saw numerous Merchantmen & at 12 boarded the *Larkins* a Letter of Marque from Jamaica for London, having 3 days before fought & taken a French Privateer which we also saw, sent Surgeon board her also 3 Men to assist in navigating her. Dined in ye Cabin with L’d C. Beauclerk
26. At 12 *Coquette* made Signal - ‘Enemy as before’ – at 3 P.M. *Naiad* telegraphed – ‘a large Convoy in Barfleure, bound to the West, stopped by one, (Tuesday?)’
27. Before 8 A.M. our Signal to look out S.E – about 12 exchanged Nos with the *Hardy* Gunbrig, under the Isle of Wight, tacked, - joined our Commodore about 6 P.M.
28. At 9 A.M. *Naiad* telegraphed “the Enemy’s Ships in Cherbourg dismantled.” The Ships of ye Squadron kept Company all day & their Commanders dined on board the *R.Oak* – about 4 P.M. made sail towards Barfleure & reconnoitred the Convoy there
29. Sunday – Prayers only – at 9 A.M. saw *Naiad* speak a Schooner – at 11 picked up an empty Boat belonging to Line – 1 P.M. made sail to look out N.E. at 4 boarded a Vessel waiting for Convoy, bound to La Plata, afterwards rejoined the Commodore
30. Before 8 A.M. Commodore boarded a Schooner & we obtained leave to look out N.E. at 11 recalled – at 1 P.M. Captain visited Commodore & on his return made all Sail for Isle of Wight.

May 1810

1. At 8 A.M. sent Boat to Portsmouth, on her return at 4 P.M. made all sail to join the Commodore.
2. At 8 A.M. sent boat to Commodore with Dispatches – saw several Merchantmen in the course of the Day.
3. At 8 A.M. exchanged Nos with H.M. Ships *Jamaica*, Captn Lysaght & *Blossom* Captn Beaufort, at 9 spoke the *Jamaica*, 6 weeks from Gibraltar, bound to Portsmouth at 10 Captn visited Commodore & on his return $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11, made all sail towards St Helens – at 8 P.M. little Wind & contrary.
4. Wind variable, afternoon at S.W. at 9 P.M. anchored at St Helens – sent 2 Boats ashore – a small Convoy came out for the Westward.
5. At 7 A.M. Captain came on board – at 8 got under weigh, *R.Oak* in Company, at 12 our Signal to look out, at 1 P.M. saw *Naiad* & *Coquette* at 4, reconnoitred Cherbourg pretty closely & returned to Commodore – blowing fresh.
6. Sunday. No Service – blowing fresh, at 12 Noon reconnoitred Barfleur.
7. Saw 2 or 3 Sail but boarded none – in the Evening Rain.
8. Wind Westerly – at daybreak bore up – at 10 A.M., Squadron in Company, anchored at St Helens found H.M.S. *Phoenix* & 3 Indiamen at anchor joined in the Afternoon by several others – at 1 P.M. *Coquette* recalled to Spithead – passed by the *Sarpedon* with Convoy to the Eastward – sent a Letter to Netherton.
9. At 9 A.M. received Beer & Water – at 10 passed by for Spithead H.M.S. *Niobe*.
10. Wind S.E. at 10 A.M. received a small Quantity of Provisions – at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 Captain came on board & we got under weigh immediately leaving the *R. Oak* & *Naiad* at anchor. H.M.S. *Phoenix* Captn Bowen with the Indiamen got under weigh but came to anchor again. Little Wind ‘till 11 P.M. when it began to blow fresh.
11. At 9 A.M. saw the Enemy in Cherbourg as before; and what is rather remarkable, the Ships were discerned before the Land; it being hazy. Blowing a Gale, at 1 P.M. got T.G. Masts on Deck & at 7 replaced them – saw many Sail this day.
12. Blowing fresh, with a little Rain – at 3 P.M. the *Naiad* made her No & at 4 the Lieutenant being in command of her, came on board us with Letters & Papers – *Naiad* parted Company about Sunset.
13. Sunday – No Service – blowing rather fresh – *Naiad* in Company – at 1 P.M. fell in with Commodore and sent him his Letters. More Wind at Sunset.
14. Saw 2 or 3 Sail – In the Evening more moderate, with Rain.

15. Wind Westerly – calm & foggy – Captn visited Commodore – at 2 P.M. boarded H.M. Brig *Dapper* Lt Harford, ^(sent Letter) having under convoy 2 Transports with the 59th Foot on board from Guernsey for Portsmouth. *Coquette* joined company, bringing Captn &c.
16. Several Sail observed – at 10 & 11 A.M. boarded the *Ant* & a Brig with others from Guernsey for Portsmouth – Lieutenant to Commodore per Sig^l. Captain dined with Commodore.
17. At 10 A.M. our Signal to look out S.W. at 12 to Look out S.E. too Hazy to reconnoitre Cherbourg.
18. Bad Weather – nothing remarkable.
19. Wind S.W. calm & fine – at 10 A.M. Captain visited Commodore - & on his return at 11 the Ships steered different Courses – about 8 P.M. sent Letters ashore by a Pilot Boat – afterwards spoke a Merchant Brig from Oporto & Captain went on board the *Undaunted* from Cadiz, Gen^l Albuquerque passenger – painted the Ship – picked up a Man fallen overboard.
20. Sunday – Divine Service – at an early Hour saw H.M.S. *Implacable*, Captn Cockburn & a Frigate in company – boarded a Cartel with sick and infirm French Prisoners, from Portsmouth for Morlaix at 1 P.M. in the Evening stood into the Race of Alderney & off again about 9.
21. Before 8 A.M. boarded by a Lt. from *Naiad* & learnt that a Frigate had been launched on ye 20th at Cherbourg – made all Sail for Weymouth, & met several Vessels – H.M. Brig *Albacore*, with a Convoy for Guernsey, H.M.S. *Plover* having Captn Sir S. Yorke a Passenger from Basque Roads to Portsmouth – spoke a Vessel from Jamaica & at 3 P.M. came to an Anchor in Portland Roads. Blowing Fresh from S.W. found H.M. Brigs *Royalist* Captn Marwell & ~~(Crossed-out)~~ **decipher it?** ~~(Crossed-out)~~ &c Trinity Yatch at anchor.
22. Before 8 A.M. the Yatch & *Royalist* weighed & parted for the Westward – finished painting Ship – dined in Port and drank Tea at Weymouth & got on board soon after Sunset.
23. Wind N.E. at 10 A.M. weighed & made sail for Cherbourg, leaving *R.Oak* & *Coquette* at Anchor, saw a large Convoy & at 7 P.M. spoke a Merchant Ship 55 days from Jamaica for London – about the same time saw *Implacable* passing down Channel – soon after we got under weigh boarded H.M. Brig *Steady* Lt. Stow from Brasil with dispatches.
24. Before 8 A.M. learned by *Naiad*'s Telegraph that the French Commodore was again ready for Sea – at 11 hailed H.M. Brig *Goshawk* Captn. Lilburne at 1 P.M. Lt. of H.M. Brig *Sophie* came on board – at 5 Lt. Greenlaw of the *Naiad* came on board – saw many Vessels this day.
25. Nearly Calm – at 6 A.M. pretty near Weymouth sent a Boat to Commodore – saw many Sail but spoke none – saw several Scholes of Mackarel.

26. Boat returned at an early hour & before 8 A.M. *Donegal* stood in to the Roads, telegraphed the Commodore & came out again. Dined in the Cabin with Lt Treacy of the *Linnet*, who proceeded at 5 P.M. with Letters to Spithead. After Sunset spoke to doggers.

27. Sunday. Divine Service – at 10 A.M. reconnoitred the Enemy & saw their new Frigate - about Sunset saw a Line of Battleship steering down Channel.

28. Before 8 A.M. saw Commodore in Portland Roads tacked & stood towards Cherbourg – at 9 saw the *Naiad* & at 10 boarded a Dutch dogger from Liverpool for Antwerp.

29. Before 8 A.M. saw Cherbourg. Lt. Greenlaw came on board – tacked & stood for Isle of Wight, at 12 changed our course towards Weymouth – at 3 P.M. saw the Commodore, at anchor & wore Ship – at 7 boarded a Merchantman from London for Madeira & Surinam.

30. About 8 A.M. saw the Enemy as before – at ½ past saw *Naiad* – at 10 *Coquette* joined & sent a Boat on board with Captain's Letters, then steered for Weymouth – at 5 P.M. R. Oak & *Coquette* joined company. Blowing fresh, bent a new Foresail & sprung the foretopsail yard.

31. At 10 A.M. Captain visited Commodore & on his return made sail towards Isle of Wight at 4 P.M. wore Ship, about 7 Commodore parted Company with all Sail set, supposed for Weymouth.

June 1810

1. At 1 P.M. H.M. Brig *Sophie* Captn Lockyer joined company with Stock from Guernsey for Havre Squadron. Captn Lockter dined in the Cabin & about 4, we had a close reconnoitre of Cherbourg - the Enemy fired 2 Guns at *Naiad* from ye Fort on Isle (??) – at Sunset *Sophie* parted & Commodore appeared in sight.

2. Before 8 A.M. Obtained Commodore's Leave to look out N.E. at 11 saw the Isle of Wt. at 6 P.M. hailed a Ship 61 days from St Thomas for London – at 7 boarded a Schooner 94 days from the Falkland Islands, for London. Sent Letters with her.

3. Sunday – divine Service. At 8 A.M. obtained Leave to look out N.E. at 10 saw *Linnet* & a Brig at anchor – at 1 P.M. sent a Boat with Letters to meet *Linnet's*. Wind variable, & Calm, but N.E. at Sunset.

4. His Majesty's Birth day – Captain visited Commodore & also dined with him – at 12 & 1 P.M., being about Midchannel, heard the Salutes fired at Portsmouth – at Sunset a Vessel in sight.

5. About 7 A.M. fired two Guns to bring to a Vessel, without effect – at 9 began to clear the Main deck, seeing the *Coquette* hoist French Colours while boarding a Brig – soon after she made her No. Calm most of the day, several Sail in sight.

6. At 2 P.M. Wind West – at 3 recalled by Commodore – at 4 asked and obtained leave to steer for St Helens – made all sail – about 7 P.M. it fell calm.
7. Calm dubious Weather – at 11 A.M. Captain went for the Shore, but returned at 9 – went again at 1 P.M. Anchored at St Helens at ½ past 2 – received Letters & Papers. Indiamen convoyed by H.M.S. *Leda*, Captn Sayer made sail from Spithead & anchored at St. Helens
8. Boats to the dock yd on duty, arrived H.M.S. *Niobe* for Spithead – sent Letters to Netherton, got Letters Yesterday.
9. Wind S.E. at 9 A.M. Captain arrived, finished unloading Lighter, got under Weigh – light Winds – caught Mackarel in the Boats.
10. Sunday – divine Service – at an early Hour saw the Commodore – Captain boarded him at 7 A.M., at ½ past 9 Signal for Lt. – at 12 saw *Naiad* & at 2 P.M. sent her 17 Butts of Water, received empty Casks and 6 French Prisoners.
11. At 4 P.M. came to an Anchor at St Helens, where we found the *R.Oak*; also H.M.S. *Cyane*, Captn Brenton, & his Convoy for Africa, sent Prisoners ashore. Captain went ashore
12. Landed at St Helens, visited Sandown Fort dined at Brading, got on board at 7 P.M. *Cyane* recalled to Spithead. Sailed H.M.S. *Antelope* Ad'l Sir J. Duckworth, Captn M'Cleod for Newfoundland.
13. Arrived early H.M. Brig *Philomel* Captn Downie, at 2 P.M. H.M. Brig *Zenobia* Captn McKenzie – at 7 the *Naiad* and the Frigate; all but *Naiad* passed on to Spithead.
14. At 10 A.M. Captn Nixon came on board – at ½ past 12 P.M. passed by for Spithead H.M.S. *Sabrina*, Captn Kittoe. Wind variable.
15. Wind East afterwards S.W. at 12 Captain came on board later dined with Commodore. At 2 P.M. Company and a Dance. Got in boat.
16. H.M. Ships *R.Oak* & *Naiad* got under weigh at an early Hour – got up Skysail Masts – at 4 P.M. cleared Lighters – at 5 got under weigh & made sail out.
17. Sunday – Divine Service – at 9 A.M. Captain visited Commodore – at 12 saw the French Coast – at 1 P.M. the *Naiad* – at 8 a Boat from *Naiad* (crossed out?) her Purser & a Lieut. Passengers on board of us.
18. Wind N.W. steered for Weymouth – *Lively* & Convoy at anchor in Portland Roads – not seeing the Commodore stood off at 3 P.M. & about Sunset descried the French Coast, saw the Port Mahon –
19. At 10 A.M. saw the French Ships in Cherbourg, at 11, H.M.S. *Curacoa*, Captn Brown acting, with a Convoy from Guernsey for Portsmouth – at ½ past 12 P.M. telegraphed the *Curacoa*, at 2 discovered *R.Oak* & *Coquette* in Portland Roads – at 4 came to an anchor.
20. Wind with a little Rain, at Sunset lowerd Topgallant masts – sent Letters by my Nephew to Netherton & Amport.

21. Captain's dejeuner & Dance – went ashore drank Tea & danced at Weymouth.
22. Wind N.E. *Lively* & Convoy under weigh – wind changing came to anchor again about 12 – Gen^l Cockburne visited the Ship; and some other Company.
23. *Lively* & Convoy under weigh & by 10 A.M. out of sight – Wind S.E. at 11 *Coquette* & *Firm* Brig got under weigh – becalmed & anchored about 1 P.M. at 6 the Brig exercised with small Arms.
24. Sunday – No Service – under weigh soon after 4 A.M. cleared the Shambles between 10 & 11.
25. Between 6 & 11 A.M. caught many Mackarel on board & by Boats – sent boat to (Comm. – the *R.Oak's* Purser & Master came on board to survey & condemn (sour?) Beer, saw *Coquette* & *Naiad* in the Evening & about 7 P.M. board the Gen^l (Conclot?), being the *Tisiphone's* Tender on a Cruise – also saw the *Lavinia* Lt. W. Stewart.
26. Boarded several Vessels this Mor'g sent Letters pr. H.M. Brig *Churly* Lt. Foularton & received some for *Gannet* Captn Stevenson, proceeding with a Transport to Guernsey – dined in the Cabin with L'd Amelius, Captn Forbes &c.
27. At 11 A.M. boarded the *Fylla* – at 7 P.M. *Coquette* made Sail for Weymouth.
28. At 11 A.M. boarded *Firm* Gun Brig – at 2 P.M. a lugger & the *Ant* Schooner – about 4 saw the *Coquette* at anchor & stood about, saw France before Dark.
29. Saw *Naiad* this Mor'g – at 2 P.M. boarded an outward bound Merchantman – at 3 boarded the *Coquette* & got Letters & Newspapers. Captain visited Commodore.
30. At 11 A.M. saw a Frigate steering up Channel – at 12 saw *Naiad*. Captain dined with Commodore.

July 1810

1. Sunday – Divine Service – at 9 A.M. reconnoitred the Enemy – at 12 a Thunderstorm – at 2 P.M. *Coquette*, in chase, fired a gun afterwards, having boarded her, made a signal of no Intelligence.
2. Hazy Weather, cleared at 10 A.M. at 11 bore up for Portland, saw a few Sail – at 3 P.M. anchored in the Roads, *R. Oak* & *Coquette* in Company *Port Mahon* Brig, Captn Hatton, already at Anchor. Sent Letters to Kensington & Blackfriars Road.
3. Blowing fresh with Rain – about 1 P.M. saw a Frigate with Convoy passing up Channel. At 4 Signal for *Port Mahon's* Captain to go on board the Commodore. N.B. This Signal was accompanied with a Gun.

4. At 8 A.M. H.M. Sloop *Pheasant*, Captain Palmer, came in & anchored. A Gentleman to Dinner.
5. Sailed H.M. Sloop *Pheasant*, at 4 P.M. sent ashore to inter the Body of a Sailor belonging to H.M.S. *R.Oak* – remained the Night at Weymouth.
6. About 11 A.M. returned on board, at 3 P.M. passed by for the Westward H.M.S. *Caledonia*, Captn Bedford, making a Telegraph about our being relieved.
7. At 8 A.M., saw Lord Cochrane's Vessel, *the Julia* & communicated pr. Telegraph with the *Gannet* – at 12 boarded a Merchantman 86 days from Buennos Ayres, for London. At 5 P.M. saw a strange Sail & a small Convoy – at Sunset, supposed strange Sail to be the *Elizabeth* & saw *R.O* standing out of Portland.
8. Sunday – No Service – at 4 P.M. exchanged Nos with *Implacable*, being the Sail we took for the *Elizabeth*, a Rainy Mor'g – cleared up at 9. Commodore in Company. Observed many sail & saw Commodore speak the *Virago* Captn Pettman & *Sharpshooter* with a Convoy Captn. Goldie at 1 PM. Saw the Enemy's Ships in Cherbourg – at 5 exchanged Nos. with H.M.S. *Daedalus* Captn Inglefield with a Convoy from Jamaica.
9. At ½ past 9 Captain visited Commodore – at 11 saw The *Elizabeth*, Captn Curzon – at 12 Captain went on board her, returned at 1 P.M. & made all Sail immediately, being then to the S.W. of Portland, about ½ past 5 entered the Needles & anchored at Spithead ¼ before 9 having run about 70 Miles. Passed the *Tisiphone* & *Prevoyante* at anchor in Yarmouth Roads & met H.M.S. *Venus*, Captn Crawford, bound for New York.
10. Found at Anchor H.M. Ships *Implacable* - Lion – (CLs?) *Menelaus* Captn Parkes, *Nymph* Captn Clary – *Coquette* and others – came in H.M.S. *Indefatigable* Captn Broughton – a Punishment thro' the Fleet.
11. At 8 A.M. *Nymph* got under weigh, bound to Lisbon with Money – at 12 *Menelaus* got under weigh, bound for St Helena. Went to Ryde, returned to a late Dinner.
12. *Papillon* sailed at 4 P.M.
13. Blowing fresh – at 5 P.M. H.M. Ships *Indefatigable* & *Wellington* got under weigh – went into Harbour. Sent Letters to Netherton on the 10th Inst.
- 14 – rather more moderate at 11 A.M. Sir R. Keates hoisted his Flag in H.M.S. *Implacable*. Captain on board – no docking.

[No entries for July 15th – 31st, August, or September 1810; from this point entries are no longer made on a daily basis.]

October 1810

After spending a Fortnight in Hampshire – about 6 Weeks in Town & at Bath & 3 at Portsmouth – I embarked in the Admiral's Tender with Captn Forbes, who took me on board the *Coquette*, at Anchor at St Helens on the 17th and on the

18. Saw the *Donegal* coming in & got on board her at 10 A.M. she came to an Anchor at 12. H.M.S. *Revenge*, the Hon^{ble} Captn Paget, in company. Went ashore.

19. Captain on board for an Hour – Captn Nash supersceded Capt. Paget.

25. *Donegal* & *Revenge* sailed for off Cherbourg.

November –6 chased & captured the French Privateer “*Surcouf*“

15th *Donegal* in company with *Revenge* – *Diana* & *Niobe* attacked a French Frigate in La Hogue flanked by the Batteries on La (Titaho?). *Donegal* received a few Shot & had 3 Men wounded.

16. I read the funeral Service over two Men, on board the *Revenge*, dead of their Wounds.

December – My Nephew Henry Ogilvie was discharged from H.M.S. *Donegal* on the 16th into the *Royal William* at Spithead, with a prospect of going out to India with an Admiralty Recommendation for Promotion.

1811

February 6 – Dined in the Cabin with Capt. Bouchier of H.M. Brig *Hawke* – at 4 P.M. Captn B sent in chase of a Schooner.

7. At an early Hour, bore up for St Helens, reached it at 9 A.M. H.M.S. *Pyramus* Captn Dashwood at Anchor. Captn D. came on board, with our Orders to proceed to Spithead, where we anchored at ½ past 10 & immediately moored Ship, being exactly 6 months & a Day since we sailed thence & a Year & a Month since we came on the Station. The Enemy in Cherbourg were reconnoitred on the 6th Inst. & having lately shewn no Appearance of putting to Sea, with the Exception of their New Frigate which seemed ready, H.M.S. *Berwick*, Captn Macnamara with *Pyramus* & *Hawke* were deemed sufficient to watch them.

11. at 10 A.M. being unmoored long before, weighed Anchor & made sail into the Harbour

25th H.M.S. *Donegal* was paid off. The Men were turned over to H.M.S. *Boyne*, to which the *Donegal*, for the sake of Convenience, became a Hulk; the Midshipmen much dispersed – None of the Officers re-appointed to other Ships.

September 1811

After passing nearly 6 months ashore, principally at Bath & Netherton, was appointed to the *Royal Oak*. Warrant dated 6th of August; about the middle of said Month proceeded to Portsmouth, waited about a Week & then with Lt. Taylor & others obtained a Passage in H.M.S. *Barbadoes* Captn. Rushworth – slept on board her a couple of Nights & at 8 A.M. on Sunday 1st September joined the *Royal Oak* Captn. Malcolm; He being Commodore on the Cherbourg Station & having under his Orders H.M.S. *Egmont* Captn. Bingham. H.M.S. *Hotspur* Hon^{ble} Cptn Percy. *Barbadoes* Captn Rusworth and *Goshawk* Captn Lilburn. Observed the (Cone?) to be much increased & the Enemy become more alert, coming out to exercise occasionally; & having two Line of Battle Ships on the Stocks &c.

Wardroom Officers of H.M.S. Ro'l Oak

1 Lt	Douglas	
2	Gardner	
3	Stewart	
4	Taylor	
5	Patt	later Ferris
Captn.	Owen	
Lt.	Whitcomb	
Lt.	Moore	
Mr Johns,	Master	later Greenside
- Thompson,	Surgeon	
- Sullivan,	Purser	
- W. Elliot,	Chaplain	

October

20. At 5 P.M., being relieved by H.M.S. *Venerable*, Captn Sir H. Popham, parted Company off Cherbourg

21. 10 A.M. anchored at Spithead

22. At 11 A.M. made sail into the Harbour

December

3. Came out of Harbour, the Duke of Clarence, Lord Keith &c being on board

13th Dropped down to St Helens

15. at 7 A.M. Weigh'd Anchor & sailed for our old Station off Cherbourg – at Noon joined the *Venerable* at 5 P.M. anchored at St Helens

10th at 4 A.M. got under weigh.

1812

February 25 – In consequence of Lord Amelius Beauclerk hoisting this Flag on Board H.M.S. *Hannibal*, many Changes took place in H.M.S. *Royal Oak* and our Mess now consists of

Lieut	Taylor	Captn	Owen	Mar
-	Ferris	Lieut.	Whitcomb	
-	Wright	-	Moore	
-	Rokeby	Mr Ewing	Surgeon	
-	Thomas	Mr Sullivan	Purser	
Mr Greenish	Master	Elliot	Chaplain	

There were also many Changes in the Cockpit & a few among the Ships Company.

March 1812

8. On Lord Keith's Appointment to the Command of the Channel Fleet, Captn Malcolm was made Captain of the said Fleet & superseded in the *Royal Oak* by Captn Shortland, Ld Amelius shifting his Flag from the *Hannibal* to her.

12. Having dropped down to St Helens on the 11th at 1 P.M. made sail for the Downs. Ld Amelius & his Secretary Mr Miller being on board – after repeated Alterations in the Mess it now consists of-

Lieut	Douglas	Captn	Owen R.M.
-	Gardener	Lieut.	Whitcomb
-	Stewart	-	Moore
-	Wroot	Mr. Greenish	Master
Mr Thomas	Flag	Mr Sullivan	Purser

Mr (Binchul?)

Thompson Surgeon

Elliot Chaplain

13. at 2 P.M. anchored in Dover Roads.

14. 10 A.M. weighed anchor – at 12 anchored in the Downs.

April 1812

1st at 4 P.M. sailed from the Downs, eight sail, under command of Sir R. Strachan.

2nd at 3 P.M. Anchored off ye Scheldt

May 1812

1st at 9 A.M. joined by Ad^l Young with 4 sail of the line – who took the Command of the Fleet now 18 of the line – having under him Vice Ad^l Sir R. Strachan, Rear Ad^l Ferrier & L^d A. Beauclerk.

June 1812

In the early part of this Month Sir R. Strachan resigned his Command in the North Sea Fleet.

29. At 7 A.M. having got under weigh, closed with Ad^l Young & L^d A.B. with H.M. Ships *Royal Oak*, *Barham*, *Defiance*, *Gloucester* and *Christian* the 7th was detached to watch the Enemy's Ships in the Tenel proceeding first to Hoseley Bay to victual and Water – Anchored off Aldborough in the Evening – weighed at 8 A.M. on 30 & anchored at 1 P.M. in Hoseley Bay.

Sept. 1812

20th Ad^l Young left his Anchorage off West (Capel?) & anchored off North Foreland.

Dec'r 1812

7th Sailed from the Downs before day light

9. At 3 P.M. anchored at Spithead.

1813

Jan'y 1813

At 10 P.M. sailed with sealed Orders from St Helens; H.M.S. *Egmont* Captn Bingham *Revolutionaire* Captn Woolcombe – *Desiree* Captn Farquarson & *Mutine* Brig Capt. De Courcy, (benign?) (??)

May 10 – 1813 Anchored at Spithead.

July 15 ... Sailed from Spithead, H.M.S. *Sea Horse* Captn Gordon in Company.

August 26th. Saw (Iceland?)

Sept. 9. Anchored in Bear Haven & on the 18th sailed for England.

Octo'r 6th. Anchored at Spithead – sailed on the 19th & on ye 20th Anchored in Cawzand Bay, whence we sailed on ye 26th for Basque Roads & arrived there on the 29th.

1814

We continued quietly in Basque Roads for several Months – and saw the French Ships retire up the Charente late in the Month of March – on the 7th of April chased an American Brig out of the Roads – on the 9th endeavoured to destroy an American Schooner on 11th saw white Flags on board the fishing Boats & received a Flag of Truce from the shore - 13 landed & dined with the Governor of La Rochelle – 27 sailed for Plymouth on the 4 May anchored in the Sound.

May 13 sailed with sealed Orders. The 16 anchored in Basque Roads – 18 sailed & anchored the same Night in Verdun Roads. I spent a Week at Bordeaux – on (??) Ad'l Malcolm hoisted his Flat on board H.M.S. *Royal Oak*, and took under his Orders the Undermentioned Ships & Vessels

<i>Menelaus</i>	Captn	Sr. P. Parkes
<i>Pactolus</i>		Hon'ble Aylmer
<i>Pomone</i>		Cartaret
<i>Diadem</i>		Hanchett
<i>Dictator</i>		Crofton
<i>Thames</i>		Ho'ble Somerville
<i>Trave</i>		Money [pencilled in for Weser]
<i>Weser</i>		Sullivan? [pencilled in Trave]
<i>Devastation</i>		

<i>Meteor</i>	Roberts
<i>Dispatch</i>	Galway
<i>Primrose</i>	Philott
<i>Rover</i>	Finley

And 3 Transports – Regiments and others were the 4th, 44th, 85th & about 400 Artillery commanded by M.G. Ross.

About 14 August entered the Chesapeake & left it the 14 October – anchored in Negril Bay the 1st of Nov'r & sailed for New Orleans 27th

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