

being taken possession of by his numerous Barges.

Altho' I did not succeed in the destruction of any of the Enemy's Vessels, I am never the less convinced, that the expedition was in many points of view, attended with good effect; consequently I feel it a duty to recommend to your notice, the Officers and Seamen engaged on the same, and in two of the three Vessels, Lt. - Two comb and J. Master Ramage, manifested so much zeal, as to continue on board steering them, until they were enveloped in the flames, and obliged to jump overboard to avoid sharing the Fate of the vessels themselves. I am also indebted to the exertions of Lt. Forrest who volunteered his services, and altho' very much indisposed at the time, afforded all the assistance in his power.

Permit me at the same time to recommend to your attention, Mr. Stockton, Masters Mate who not only rendered me essential service as an acting Aid-de-camp, but in every other situation, manifested a zeal and integrity not to be shaken. Also, Midstⁿ Whitlock whose conduct in every part of the service I highly approve. Mr Herbert a young Gentleman of Alexandria & Mr. Perry