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His Majesty's Ship *Plantagenet*
Lynn Haven Bay 14th July 1813

Sir,

It is with the deepest and
heartfelt regret, that I have to acquaint you
that the Yawl armed with a twelve pound
Canonade Sixteen Musquets, fifteen Seamen
and eight Marines, under the Command of
Lieutenant Gauspette (Supernumerary Lieutenant
Dickinson accompanied him as a Volunteer)
were surprized by a Body of Militia, concealed
behind the Sandhills, by which means the
Boat was Captured, and the whole Crew with
the Marines, Killed, Wounded, and taken prisoners,
but the Yawl was retaken by Lieut. Hawkins
who is particularly Active on all Occasions
but not before they had damaged the Boat
and carried most of her materials away.

I attributed this melancholy
affair to Lieutenant Gauspette dis. obeying my
Orders as he was directed by me not to suffer any
man to quit the Boat on any pretence, (except
the Centinels) and put off immediately as he
was sent for the purpose of protecting the watering

In The Right Hon^{ble}

Sir John Boscawen Bart &c

Admiral of the Blue

Commander in Chief

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Yours
Truly

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