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The following journal was found
in the Chest of Wm Davidson a Seaman
who deserted from His Majs Ship the Niger
when under my command in the year
1799.

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A Journall of a Privater. 1788

December the 3d. we Saild from Leghorn with a prosperous Gale on board of the Saint Dinnoz a rusheen Priveteer bound for Mesoang in the Island of Sisley as a Merchant vesel untell She would gett there and from then She was to Gett her Clearence and go a cruseing the 4th. we said but we had not being long out before the wind come to the Eastard and blowing very hard we ware obliged for to bare away for port Ferare and soon got in and moard, in this place we ware getting the Gunns and Shot from under the Ballast in the hold and was a fixing them on the Carridges when the takken notis of us on the Shore that we ware a fitting out as a vesel of war the Send an order on board for us to Sail Emeadetly if not the would stop the Ship as that it is not allowed for any Ship of war for to fitt out of any port belonging to the Grand Duke of Tuskaney so the 22d. we said for Mesana with a fare and clare weather but the 25th. the wind coming a head and blowing very hard we ware obliged for to bear away for Longona the 27th. got in and moard we Lay there 13 Days in which time we got all our Guns fixed and every thing readey for Sea January the 17th. we Sett Saild for Mesana with a fare wind and Clare wather and the 24th Safe arrived in our Intended port whare all the Englishmen would have left the Ship if the could; as the Captain would not allow them for to go untell that he would get to Malta thanking that he would gett hands there the Second of Febrery we Saild for the Island of Malt

the 9th got in the 11th got Product and the 12th hailed the Ship ups and Moard her there we manded all our Sails and made new Nettings and got a number of Small arms on board in Number thirty Muskets and Cuttashes fifty Blunderbus twenty four pistoles eighty but Men the grand Master would not allow us for to take which made the Englishmen very Discontented as the could not gett there Desgarge the 14th there come on board of us three Slaves as the ware Athen for the had being Murderers that made there Escape which our Captain Protected them upon account that the entered with us. Febrery the 16th we Sailed for the Island of Zanth which we ware obliged for to go with them and it is there we are going for to mand our Ship which frittens us the more as the Inhabittans of that place is nothing but Thives and most pirates all this time we had a fare wind and fine Mather untell we got as fare as Solew then the wind coming against us and blowing hard we ware obliged for to bear away for Suffolonea where we got Safe in and moard we had not being in Many Days before that we got 62 of these pirates on board as we can Call them nothing else upon account that the most of them is all pirates there we got Carpenters on board and cut two port holes between Deckes where we put two 12 pounders and then got every thing readey for Sea but the Day before we Sailed the Captain of the pirat that Sunk the Duch Ship in the year 86 give our Captain five Hundred Crowns for to take him on board as his Leuiftanent and certainly would have Done it if the Rushen Counsel would lett

him but as he toulde him that if he was for to take him
on board or even take him of the Island that he should have
all the Men of War in the Streats after him so when he found that
he could not take him he Sail the 7.th of feberery for the
Island of Prevese and the 11.th got in the 12.th Aboard Ship we
had not being long in before we heard that there was some
Pirats ashore in the Mountains which our Captain wrote several
letters to them for to come on board becides every night we
would have the two boates ashore armed in readeyness for to take
them on board; one Day the Captain went up to town and
mett two of them which he toulde them for to go and tell
the rest for to come down abreast the Ship at night so
he did for there come down that night thirty five of them
and all armed and took every one of them on board which
made us English and Mallions be very Discontented as
the ware all Pirats March the 16.th there was a boat come
and toulde us that there was four vesels in Sapolenah
with Turkesh Cargos in bound for Sopew but Greek Sailors
Which we unmoard and Steered for the same place but
being Little winds and Calm seen no veasel that Day
next morning we spoak a Ragose Brig with Turk
passingers in come from Candea bound for Seoh which had
a grate Quantity of Dollars and Silk with them that we
took from them but the Turks we lett go as the ware
taken under nutril Coulars next Day Shard the Money
which come to 43 Dollars a Man as for the Silk the
Captain keept for him self March the 22.nd we seen
a veasel going Down along Shore which we hailed the
long boat up and put Eight Swivells and thirty five Men all

Armed in her and Sent her after this veasel as it was Calm and soon come up with her and fired tewo Guns which She returned the Same and both sides fired for the space of forty Munits then the Leuftenant got wounded and five Men killed; our boat was Oblige for to return on board and got more hands and give Chace for three hours then the wind blowing a Little fresh She soon Left the Long boat out of Site and returned on board again — the 1st of Apriel we seen a Sail a head and give Chace soon come up with her She proved for to be Prize which we sent five hands on board of her and brought her in to Sapsalone She was Loaded with Wine and Brandy — which we took all out of her and sunk the Ship besides killed nine Turks that was on board as for the greeks the Entered with us Apriel the 2nd we sailed for Selou that Same Day got in and Moard then these veasels made an attempt for to go away which we armed the Longboat and Sent her out in the night for to Lea wait for them as the would go out but the taken notis of us the never offered to moov; In the main time the Long boat fell in with a vesel with Jerusalem Coulars but Turkish property which was nine Bales of Silk and hunney and soap the Silk we took out of her and some of the huney and soap the reast we Sunk in the vesel people and all to gether which was in number fifteen Turks that Same night took another but had nothing in but ballast which we Left her go Apriel the 6th we got all the Sails and Lumber ashore for to heave the Ship Down the 7th got all the Guns ashore and all the Ballest out of the hould the 8th and 9th we ware working very hard and had but little Wine on board which the Captain owere

the Second Leuftanent for to go out in the Long boat and
give him orders for to take the first veasel that he met with
Lett her be what She would if she had wine in which he
did for he brought in a vefsel that had Seven Pipes of Cypress
Wine in which we took it all out of her and Lett her go She
was a Greek Seatee come from Samous bound for Serenecoa
April the 11th we righted the Ship and took all the
ballast in the 12th we hailed out from the Shore and
bent all our Sails and got the best of our stores on board and
got the Ship readey for sea again the 13th we unmoard and gott
all the vesels boats in the harbour for to tow us out but be
fore that we went out the Merchants belonging to these
veasels give our Captain 15 thousand Dollars for not Troubling
them aney Longar whils our captain tould them he would
give them three Days for to get away and no more so we left
them Soon after we had a fare wind and at 4 a clock come to
an ancor on the Turkesh shore whare we sent the Long boat
and yalle armed ashore for Stock which the killed five
bullaks and thirty four Sheep and got besides Leaveing
a grate number on shore that the Boats could not bring off
April the 14th we sailed for Scrafillos whare we seen a
Pinatt which come on board of us and tould our Captain
that if he was for to go to Magare that he would gett
plenty of small veasels there belonging to Cyprus
but the had nothing in but fire wood which our Capta
Said that it was not worth this time for to go after
them In the Main time this Pinatt had in this

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harbour one Raguse and three venetions that he had taken two Days before and was taken the best of every thing out of them for to Sink them as for the people the killed them when the wave taken; and in the roam of takeing this Piratt we give him powder and Arms and Lett him go as that he was one of the Captains ould acquantances; whwe had not put allour things to rights before we seen two Ships Coming Down to wards us which we got all hands to Quarters and every thing readey for Ingaging them as we took them for to be Turkish men of War but as the come with in gun Shot of us the listed Rushen Coulars which we wave glad for to see the wave two Priveteers that come out of the Gulf of Morreto bound to Zantt Apriel the 15th we Sailed for the Island of Zantt and the 16th next Day got in and moard; the Captain went an Shore thanking to gett product but Could not as we had being on the Turkish shore Apriel the 17th the Captain went on shore for to see if he could get a new Main Mast which he did gett a very good Mast the 18th we got the Main mast out and sent it on shore and one of the Pomps for to get Repaired; for the Main time the people imployed in fixing of the Riggin the 20th we got the new mast in and got it in and the riggin over head in the Main time the Lanch was on shore a Wattring and the reast of the people Imployed in clareing away the hould the 22nd we got allour Provision and Watter on board and the 23rd we sett up the Riggin fore and aft and got every thing readey for Sea Apriel the 24th there was a Raguse Ship

Lying in Gantt that had turk passangers in bound for Smyrna and had 9500 Dollars in belonging to these Turks which was Liable for to be taken by us if we only met with her at Sea but our Captain was resolved for to follow her as soon as she would sail April the 25th She Sailed about ten a Clock in the Morning and was about Six Leags of when we got under way and give her chace and was coming up with her fast, but it soon come on Calm then in one hours time the Breese freashend and She getting it before us a Long time and it coming on Dark She Left us out of Site and coming on to blow we halled Down the Steeringsails and Top Gallantsails and went under Easey Sail all night the next morning made sail and stood in for the Turkesh Shore whare we seen a veasel Boan Encor; and She taken notis of us coming in she got under way as fast as she could which we followed her and soon come with in Gun Shot of her and fired 23 Guns at her before she hove too in the main time we had Venetian Coulars up and plundred her of every thing She had on board besides one of our men killed there Captain and two men for only asking him for to return a small Chest of Silk Turbans and Swashes that he took This was a small pollaco Turk that was a Loading there for Navering; then we Stood Dout for sea all the night we had a fare wind and a bout 4 a Clock in the morning we hailed a ship which made answer She was a frenchman come from Mereellas bound for Constantinople which our Captain tould him for to Stea by us tell Day Light which he said that he would. but Soon after wards we taken notis of him. makeing all the Sail he could for to gett away from us which we fired a Gun

at him but did not mind it which we fired the second time and Carried away his fore topsail yard which made him crye out that he was affried that we ware a pirat as there was so many Allways so maney about this place; in the Morning we over halled him and Lett him go on his voydge next Day we seen Sevrell vessels but never offered for to go after them but went in a harbour in the Island of Serego whare we come to an anchor; the 29th there was a Rederote come in under Jerouselm Coulars which was a good price for us if at Sea but as we ware under a venetion for we could not take her that Same Day the Captain went on shore for to see if he could gett any more hands April the 30th there come in the same veasle as Ingaged our Long boat the 31st of March which our Captain was resolved for to be up with; then at night we armed both Boats and Sent them out for to Lea wait for her when She would go out then about 11 at night this veasel to her Misfortune got under way and was going out which our boats fell in with her and killed all hands on board only two Boys which we put on shore on Theneca May the 2nd there come on board of us twenty three Sailors which made our Complyment in hands now altogether two hundred and fifteen which we ware now readey for to go out a Cruseing In the afternoon the Captain come on board about 4 a clock and ordered all hand aft and read his Commission which was that we ware a going out a gainst the Turks and as there a cruel Enimey that we must stand true to the Coulars as that we must nither give Quarters nor take Quarters but Burn Sink and Distroy all that come in our way and the

we took the more we should have for our selves besides doing
so much good for the Rushen Empires which all hands
Give three Cheers and said that there was no fear; at
night we Sailed for the Arches of Villego; all night we
had a fare wind and blowing fresh at 4 a clock in the
Morning the Long boat broake Loose from our starn at
the Island of Milo which we went in and come to an
Ancor; hoisted the Cutter out and sent her after the Long
boat and in a short time after brought her a Long side
but she had lost her Arms and every thing that She
had in May the 3.rd we sailed and Spoake a Venetian Ship
that was bound for Smyrna over hailed her and Left
her go May the 4.th we seen a Ship which we give
chace to and at five a clock got along side of her; She
proved for to be a Turk Cruiser of 14 Guns and after
engaging her half an hour She Struck which we put
the prisoners to Death. in Number one hundred
and twenty three took the best of every thing out of
the Ship and Sunk her May the 5.th we seen a small
veasel from the Mast head and it being Calm we
armed the Long boat and sent her after her which She
took her and brought her a Long side She proved for
to be a Turk loaded with Wine and Brandy we put
the prisoners to Death and brought the veasel into
the Island of Mahoa where we took what Wine
and Brandy we wanted out of her and Set her on
fire in the Main time we seen a Ship coming

Down from the Eastard which we send the Long
boat after her but She got away from her in the
Main time there was another coming round the Island
which our Longboat boarded with out any Defence
by this time we got under way with the Ship and
went out and spoake this vesel which she proved for to
be a good prize Loaded with Cotton Silk and hunney in the
After noon it come on for to blow hard and rainey with all at ten
a Clock we Lost Site of our prise as it was so Dark which
Caused us for to Fire Severel Signall guns and had Lights
up all night but to no porpose for the never seen or heard
from us then we boar away for the Island of Selea and at
night got in; the next Morning we went out for to Look
for our prize but nothing we could see or hear of her
which Troubled our Captain grately as we thought that the
Prisoners had retaken there Veasel and killed all our
people or taken them Prisoners as the ware five to one on
board next morning we stood in for a small Island belonging
to the Greeks which all hands went on shore armed and
plundred them of every thing that the had on the Island that
Same Day we spoak a fisher boat but could give us no Intelegence
of our prize; May the 8th we heard that the ware prisoners
in the Island of Hedrea whare this veasel belonged to which
so Enraged Our Captain that he said that he should have them
out or that he Should put every Man Woman and
Child in the place to Death May the 9th we sailed for the
Same place but in the After noon it come on Calm and

and all that night next morning it come on a little Wind and right against us; we seen a Sail which we give chace to and soon got a Long Side of her She proved for to be a Priveteer belonging to Tunis which Tigaged us one hour and Struck which we took all the prisoners on board of us in Number one hundred and twenty five and after Examing them one of them told our Captain that she would have Struck sooner only that she Expected us for to Board them that she would blow the Ship up which our Captain ordered them all on board of there own Ship again only the Man that told us what she Pretended for to do; after they are all on board we took some of there small arms and powder and made the man we keept on board go and Set the other on fire people and all togeither which was a Dreadfull site for to See. this man we forgive and put him on Shore on one of the Greek Islands; at ten a clock at night the Wind come in our favour and the 12th. of May we got into the Redrea and fired Several guns into the town which knock'd down some of the houses and killed several of the people; then the Governer come off to us for to know what was the reason of us behaveing in this Manner which our Captain made Answer that if he did not Deliver his people up and the vessel that she took that he would put every one in the place to Death which the Governer made Answer that he never seen or heard of her since the Day that She sailed from there;— then the Governer went on Shore and sent off to us in provision and Money five Hundred Chequens all togeither; that night

we sailed for Assco next morning we spoak a french brig which
Told us that our prich was gon Down to Serego then we steered
for that Same place; next Day we took a small veasel Load with
Cypres Wine which we took what we wanted out of her and
Sunk the veasel the turks we put to Death on Board of our
own Ship in Number fiveteen; May the 15th. we gott in and
found our price there and an other that She had taken as
She was going Down but we could not make a prise of her as
She belongd to Greek Merchands; May the 17th. we took all the
Silk and Cotten and the most of the Kuney out of our price
and got ten six pounders of the shore and put them on board of
the prise and Sixty hands and fitted her as a Tender for to go
along with us upon Account that She Sailed well; we Stayed there
two Days a getting every thing readey for sea again; May the 19th.
we sailed for the Arches that Same Day we seen seven Sail
which we give Chase to and soon come up with them but
the proved for to be prises belonging to A Rushen Priveteer
bound for Triest under her own convey all richley Loaded the 20th.
it blowed a fresh Breese no sail we seen that Day; next
morning we Ancored in Thend where the ware verry glad for to
See us come in as there was a Turk Galley on the other side
of the Island that was going for to plunder them in the night
then at one a clock we sent the Tender after her and at three a
Clock in the Morning she took her with out the Least Defence
She had on board Eighty five hands which we took on board of
us and Confiend them in the hould until next Day then
they ware called up one by one and had there heads cut

of in the Same Manner as we do cutt Ducks heads of at home and then throw them over board now this being the first time we ware Obliged for to take it turns for to put them to Death the English Men when the ware called for at first refused it but as the Captain tould them that the ware Cowards or people that was Affried of there Enemies he could not believe that the ware Englishmen; then the went and did the Same as the reast and After wards was worst then them Selves for the would all ways be the first when such work would be going on and at Last got quite use to it for Some times we Should have thre or four of a Day for to put to Death; to one Mans Share; May the 22.nd we Sail for Accra and at night got in and Aboard the 23.rd we got some of the Ballas Out and the Water Casks out for to Lighten the Ship for to give her a clane bottom as that She was very dirty the 24.th we got the Ship To rights and took the ballast and watter in that Same Afternoon our Tender brought in a good prise She was Loaded with Hurney Soap and tobacco which we Sent Down To Malta the 25.th we got every thing readey for Sea About four a clock in the Afternoon we Seen a Ship out in the Offin which we took for to be a Turk Man of War- which we slipped our Cables and went out after her and got every thing readey for Ingaging her as we come with in Gun shot of her we fired a Gun which She did the Same and listed her Coulars; She was a French Friggat that was a Looking out for pirats as there is so many about that place; he sent his boat on board of us for to know where we fitted out of or what was it that we ware a Doing there—

but our Captain would only tell him that he was a Vushen Cruser and that his Commision was as good as his; which the French Captain tould us for to mind what is it that we ware about and bid us good by; which he Stood out for Sea and we in the Harber for our Ancors and and Cables; May the 26th we saild and in the after noon fell in with this French frigat again but Said nothing to us— the 27th it being Little winds we seen no sail that Day the 28th we saw five fishings boates which our Tender went and spoak; the ware Grecks but could give no Account of any Turks; May the 29th Little winds seen no vessel that Day the 30th boared a French Ship that come from Smyrna bound to Algers with Turks passangers on board which we took there Money and goods from them and Lett them go; the 31st we come to an ancor on the Islam of Caishow and plundered of every thing that we could gett besides burning the Towne and all the vessels in the place; June the 2nd we saild for the Island of Parvis which we plundered of a Pail of Silk and and burned the Turk Governers Pallas one new frigats on the Stocks and killed about thirty Turks that had no time for to make their Eskape the 3rd we saild but seen no sail that Day; the 4th of June we spoak a Ragusa Polaco that tould us there was a turkish shere back in Scandron bound to Smyrna with Money for to pay the Shoulders besides Coffee and rice that She had on board and would Sail the first fair wind which our Captain thanked him and bid him a good voyge then we bulled up for the North End of Cyprus

where we knowed that the must past by and on the 7th we seen
her and give chace and at 4 a clock in the Afternoon we got a
Longside of her which She Ingaged us one hour and a half then
Struck; she had on board twenty four Guns and two Rumors
and fifty Men which we took all the prisoners on board of us
and sent the prise down To Malta; now our Ships Compeany
was but Sixty five in all; next Day at two a clock we put
all the prisoners To Death; the 8th we fell in with
severel Merchant vessels of all Nations which we took as
money Men out of them as made our ships compeany one hundred
and fifteen so that we ware ready for a fresh cruse; June the 12
we spoak a Venetion Ship that come from Tripe Coune for
Constantynople which told us that there was a Turk vess
that has come from there Coune to roads Loaded with Coffe a
rice and had twelve Guns and Sixty Men on board; that Same
Day at four a clock in the afternoon we ware a long side of
her She Ingaged us for half an hour then Struck we took all the
prisoners on board of us and sent the prise Down to Leghor
June the 13th we put all the prisoners to Death; at Six a
Clock in the Afternoon we seen a Sail To Leward of us which
give Chace To and soon come up with her She was a greek
a Loading with Wood for the Turks which we took the men
out of her and sett her on fire; so then we steerd for
we had not Sailed above three Leags before the Man
Mast head seen two vessels To an Anchor which our Ten
went in and spoak them the ware Turks vessels but Sailors on b
greek

one had three Bails of Silk and nine Bails of Turbans in ; the
other had nothing in but Ballast we took the Silk and turbans
out of them and put the people on Shore and sett the veasels on
fire; next Morning we seen three more to an ancor which we
went in after them; the ware turk Ships Loading with wood
for Alexandre which we took all the prisoners on board and burned
the Ships; at four a clock in the after noon we put the prisoners
to Death; June the 15th it come on for to blow fresh with the
wind to the Eastard at two a clock we seen a ship coming Down
before the Wind which we hove to for; she was greek ship so
we Lett her go; then we Steered in for Castle roase and histed
venetion Coulars which there was a large town with out any
apearance of guns about it as soon as we come with in gun shot
of the place we fired in amongst the houses and hailed the
venetion Coulars Down and histed Rushen Coulars and all
hands went on shore and plundered them of every thing in the
shap besides burning one half of the town and killed all the
Turks that did not go out of the way; as for the plunder
we had no one can tell as there was a Dail of Gold and
Silver that we took out of their Churches such as Images
Candle sticks; June the 16th we went out to Sea and spoak
a French brig that come from Smyrna bound to Marcelles
laded with wool and Kymp next Morning we spoak a Venetian
who told us there was three turk Ships in Alexandre
loading with Coffe and rise for Constantynople which
we Steer away for roads as the must pass by there; which

Cruised of and on for two Days without seeing a vessel of any kind
the 18th we seen at Day Light we seen five Sail in close to the
Land which we went in after thanking that the ware good prises
but to our grate Misfortune found them for to be Turkish
Men of War; one of fifty guns; and a frigat of forty four guns; and
three of Sixteen guns each; which the give us Chace and at seven
the frigat come a Long side of us which the captain wanted for
to ingage; but the Lieutenant would not unlett the others
would be forder a stearn then the ware three mile a stern of us
in the Main time the frigat cept Continual fireing at us; then at
half past ten we hailed the french Coulars Down and Ingaged
her and Shot away his fore topsail yard which he toyed for to
go Down to the others but before that She got from
under our guns we had the Luck for To See her on fire by this
time the others come up with us and got round us; which caused us
for to
fill the train that we had to the Magazeen with powder ready
for to blow the Ship up if any of them boarded us; so anny one
May Easely guies at the Condision we ware in at this time
as we made our selves sure of being taken; but as God would have
it we got as close to the fifty guns Ships stern that our Larboard
Spritsail yard arm tucked her Stern and fined as fast as posable
we could unlett the Silanses the guns and took to the small
arms which we killed the moast of the Men for the could not
make any Sail for to gett a way from us all there rigging and
Sails was Shot a way; by this time the frigat had got her Topsa
yard up and come up to us which we made Sail for to gett away

but all in vain as that She Sailed better then we did so we ware obliged for to Ingag her once more but Soon Desabled her by Carring away her fore Mast half way Down; then we had but the three Small ones for to keep of; but as soon as the seen that the two Large Ships was able for to Do no more the made Sail away from us which we ware glad of as it was then half past Eleven a clock at night; and we had seventeen Men killed and nine wounded and all our Sails and riggin tore to peices; in the Main time we ware of force no more then 22 Guns and if there was another of the same force with us we would have taken the five of them; but now we have got Clare of them and we wish that we ware as Clare of the Cruse; and Ship; next Day we Steered away for Scorpanto for to get repaired; the 20th of June we got in and the Captain went on Shore and got plenty of people for to help us; which we ware readey for Sea the 24th of June on the Morning we Sailed for the Island of Cyprus; in the afternoon we fell in with a Turk vessel Loaded with Runey Oile and Cotten which we took the prisoners out of her and sent her Down to Leghorn next Morning we put the prisoners to Death; in the afternoon we took a Large Turkish Ship Loaded with Cotten and hymp and had 9 Tars of Runey in besides some readey Money which we put thirteen hands on board of her but took the prisoners on board of us and Sent the prise Down to Leghorn next morning we put the prisoners to Death at ten a clock

June the 27th the Captain ordered that the prisoners for the
guter Should be put to Death in the head as there was such
Dirty Decks with them allways; in the Afternoon we took a
small vess Loaded with nuts which we sunk and the people
and all to gether; then we steered for Jaffah for to see
If we could gett any Watter as we had but very Little on
board; the 28th we got in and Sent the Tender and the Long
boat withe Sixty Armed Men on Shore for to fill watter; but
we had not got only twelve buts filled before that we seen
above two Thousands Turks and Moors coming Down on horse
back To wards us which we ware Oblidge for to hall our Tender
close in shore for to cover our men the Time the got the
Watter; but before that we got it all on board we had three
Men killed but how maney of them we cannot tell as we
could See a grate number of their horses fall with the
Shot from our Tender; as soon as we got the Watter Stowed
and the Ship Clear we got under way and steered for
Alexandre June the 29th we seen five Sail a head which we give
Chace to and soon come up with them which we took two but
the other thre got on shore; one of these we took was good price for
She was Loaded with Cotten and Silk besides a Pail of Money
the other was Loaded with Coffe and rise; but as we could not
Spare any hands for to Send them Down To Leghorn or Malta
we took the best of every thing out of them and Sunk them
people and all to gether; in the Afternoon we speak a
Raguse Polaco which told us that there was Seven Sail of
Algereen Sheerbacks a Cruseing in the Arches of the

us; June the 30th we Sailed for the river of Nile as it was the best way for to keep from the Algerdens and a good place for to cruse in besides; at night we took a small vesel Loaded with Wine and soap which we took some of the Wine out of her and Sunk her prisoners and all together July the 1st we got to Deminate at the river of Nile where we went in and made three Large Ships and two small ones our prize Without the Least Defence as the ware all Roan ancor when we went in; but before that we Could board them all the most of the people went over board and Swimed a Shore; these veasels was a loading with Coffe and rice for Constantynople which we Loaded the two Largest with what was in the others and Sent them Down to Leghorn which made us very short of hands as all together now was but Seventy five after we manded these two prises; July the 2nd we Sailed for Serego to get more hands; and burned the three Ships that we did not take; at four a clock in the afternoon we took two good prices that came from Scanderoon bound to rods Loaded with Muney Rymph and Oile which we took what we wanted out of them and Sunk them prisoners and all together; the 3rd we took a Larg Ship Loaded with Cattle and Sheep which was Turk property but Greek Sailors which the entered on board with us then we took what Stock we wanted out of the price and Sunk her; July the 4th after a clock we got into Serego; that Same Day we got our water on board and thirty more men; next Morning we ware all readey for Sea and at nine a Clock we Sailed with a fare

Jare Wind for Caramina but seen no Sail that Day July
the 6th we sen a large Ship to Leward of us which we give
Chace to and at Six a clock come up with her which She prove
for to be a Turk Ship come from Alexandre bound for Constantynople
Loaded with Coffe and rice and Gymp Which She had 28 Gunes
and two Hundred Turks on board Which She Ingaged us for one
hour and a half then Struck after having twenty three hands
killed and nineteen Wounded and we had five killed and thirteen
wounded then we took the Prisoners on board of us and sent fourteen
hands on board of the prize and sent her Down to Malta July the
7th at Six in the Morning we put the prisoners to Death
in the Afternoon we spoak a Ragusa Pollaco but Could give us
no Intellegence of any Turks; in the Morning we went under
Easey Sail as far as Casethellee where we Spoak two French brigs
Come from Smyrna bound to Leghorn July the 9th we took a small
Galley that the Turks had sent out as a Spy after us She had
Eighty hands on board and all Small arms that same afternoon
we put all the Turks to Death but one man; which we put
on Shore on the Island of Seac upon account of telling us where
the Turkish fleet lay and what Situation they were in which he
told us that there was three Sail of the Line and five frigates besides
a great many Shearbacks in the Island of Rodes only waiting for
the Barbarians for to go up the Arches that they might Get home the
the 10th we bore away for Syracusa in Sisley for to See if we could get
any help for to go with us before that we should go up again the 11th
We spoak an English Ship come from Leghorn bound to Smyrna which
told us that there was three Russian Privateers there ready for
Sailing — in the after noon we spoak a Venetian Ship Come from
Genoese bound for Alexandre but could not give us any news

July the 12th we fell in with two Mollee Frigates a Cruseing of Molta that Same Day we seen several vesels of all Nations that spoke none of them the 13th in the afternoon we got into Syracusa where there was three Rushen Privateers readey for sea one of Eighteen guns the two of twenty Guns Each the 14th we got our Water and Provisions on bard and got every thing readey for sea next Morning there come in the Harbour two Privateers from Triest and in the afternoon at Six a clock there come in the three that was at Legnorn which made us in number nine Sail; which the Least of us mounted Sixteen Guns and the Commodoar thirty four which now we thought our Selves able for to Attacket the Turkesh fleet although the had three Sail of the line and five frigates besides a Number of Small vesels July the 16th we got every thing readey for sea the 17th we Sailed at ten a clock in the Morning for the Island of Molta seen no Sail this Day the 18th of July we fell in with the two Mollee Frigates that we had seen on the 12th of July; which the went up with us in hopes for to meet the Turkesh fleet; We Cruised of the Island of Malta for five Days but the never offered for to come out in the Main time one of the Mollee Frigates went to the Harbours mouth and fires at them lying loan Anchor but all to no purpose for the never would come out; July the 25th we went round to the S-W. End of the Island where we sent all our Boats on shore armed for Stock; but the could finde nothing but Goats and them we took as many as we wanted for there was plenty on the Island of them.

July the 26th we all parted Some went for the Coast of Barbary and some for the Coast of Sirei and Egypt - and we went for the Coast of Morea the 27th we spoake a requsa polacco come from Venus bound for Smyrna but could let us know nothing of any Turks next Morning we seen a Large Ship in Close under the Land which we made Sail after thinking

She was a Turkesh Frigate so we got Every thing ready for Ingageing her; at four a clock we come along side of her but She proves for to be a French Frigate which we spoake and told us that he was a looking out for a Pirat that had done a Deal of Mischeif on that Coast and give us the Descriptions of her force and Men — which we made Sail To the Westard and the french Frigate to the Easterd the 28th. we spoak a Venetion Ship that had been Chased into Serego by this Same Pirat — Which we made Sail after her. the 30th. of July we made the Islane of Serego and Cruised off there for three Days and seen no veasel of aney kind all the time which our Captain Said that it was upon account of this Pirat that there was no vessels seen on the Coast — but on the third Day of August We Seen a Large Ship Close in to the West End of the Island which we Steared after her; but to our Misfortune found it to be the Pirat for She Ingaged us from ten a Clock till half past three in the afternoon then She hailed her Coulars Down after having 54 men killed and 75 Wounded and us 15 killed and forty three Wounded — She Mounted thirty two Guns; Nines and Six pounders and had three Hundred and Seventy Eight Men on board but the ware all of Different Nations which made them very much Confused in the time of the Action — at Six a Clock in the Afternoon we took all the Prisoners on board of us and Confiene them in the Hould till next Morning then our Captain Examined them which the Confesed that he had taken Many a vesel of All Nations and killed the People and Sunk the veasels after the plundered them of every thing that was worth while taken; Which our Captain Said that the Should be all be put to the Cruelest Death that Could be Invented So we did for next Morning we got Whips To the Main Stay and one Leg fast to the Whip and the Other fast to the Ringbolt in the Deck and so Quartered them and hove them over board; as for the wounded

we put them to Death after the Struck the 6.th of August
we Washed the Ship fore and Aft above and below then went in to
the Island of Zantt where we sent all our Wounded to the Hosbetall
then we got every thing readey for Sea again: but next morning there
was an order come from the Rushen Counsel at Triest for us to come
there and Joyne Commodore Wm Gelmorno.s Squadern; the 8.th in
the Afternoon at four a Clock we got under way and Steer.d
for Triest with a fare wind the 9.th and 10.th we Seen several
veasels of all nations the 11.th we Spoak the Ambuscade
English Frigat Captain C. Hamrah Come from Legorn
bound to Smyrna we Spoake her of the Island of Corfue
on our passage up the Gulf of Venus we had fare Wather
and the 14.th of Agust we got in and after Ridding 13.s
Quarenten we got proached when the Ship was ordered in
the mould for to be repaired as Quick as posable
in the Main time the Englishmen that was on bord
got there Desgarge and there Wages; and got there
plunder besides which come to nine Hundred and fifty
Dollars amani and was only on board from the 1.st
of December till the 6.th of September in the year
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