

Report of the Damages sustained by the  
Squadron, in Action on the 5.<sup>th</sup> of August  
1781.

Fortitude

Five main Shrouds on the Starboard side & five  
on the Larboard d.<sup>o</sup> gone. Five fore d.<sup>o</sup> & 2.  
Backstays starboard, <sup>side</sup> gone, foretopmast stay  
and spring d.<sup>o</sup> Main top mast stay & spring  
d.<sup>o</sup> & mizen stay, gone, Fore & main Topmast  
back stays and Top gallant back stay, gone,  
greatest part of the Running Riggings shot  
away. — Main Mast, three shot through,  
Foremast, 1. Shot through & 1 lodged in it.  
Bowsprit 2 Shot through, Jib Boom gone  
Main top mast badly wounded, spare one  
unserviceable, Divicer Boom gone, spare  
foretop sail Yard unserviceable, six chain  
Plates & dead Eyes gone, Best Bower Anchor  
Stock badly wounded, Ten shot between  
Wind & Water, & a great many above Water,  
all the Boats Damaged, 2 lower Deck  
guns, 3 main Deck d.<sup>o</sup> 1. on the Quarter  
Deck, and 1. carronade unserviceable.

Bienfaisant.

The Main Mast wounded in two places, main  
topmast shot away, part of it gone overboard,  
Main top gallant Mast, & one of the Main  
top gall.<sup>t</sup> Studding Sail Booms, gone, Main  
Yard, slightly wounded, One shot in the fore  
mast, foretop, & foretop sail Yard, slightly

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wounded, Mizzen Yawl wounded very much,  
Bowsprit greatly damaged by a large shot,  
One of the fore chain Plates & Dead Eyes shot  
away, the Fore Channel Damaged, 1. Shot  
through the Knee of the Head. Forty nine  
Shot in the Hull, many of them through &  
through, Port Timbers, & Port Lids, most of  
the spare Booms & Spars damaged & unfit  
for their proper use. All the Boats damaged,  
and 1. large shot through the copper has  
rendered them unserviceable.

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### Berwick.

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Fourteen shot between Wind & Water, three  
through the Channel Wall, 1. Orlop standard  
shot off, 2 Pieces of Gun Deck clamp & the  
streak under shot through, 1. Port Timber  
on the Gun Deck, 5 Pieces between the  
Ports shot off, 1. Piece of upper Deck clamp,  
2. pieces of Spurkavire shot off, 1. Piece of  
short stuff between the Ports on the Quarter  
Deck & 6 streaks of the Poop Deck, cut  
off with the shot, the Bowsprit shot thro'  
between the Gammoning, fore mast shot  
through, 12 feet above the Forecastle Deck  
in 2 places, three feet asunder, Fore yard,  
Fore top mast & Fore top sail yard shot  
through, The main mast shot through  
twenty feet above the Quarter Deck, &  
between Decks, main yard & main topsail  
yard shot through, main top mast sprung,  
and shot through Mizzen mast six inches of  
the after part, cut off about 12 feet above

The Poop Deck, Mizzen top Mast & top gallant Mast, & Mizzen topsail yard carried away, Gibb Boom, foretop on all two fishes, a rough stick of 14 1/2 inches shot thro', shudding sail Boom, 2 d.<sup>o</sup> Yards six shot away, All the Boats shot thro' in several places.

### F. S. Amelia.

Main Mast, Foretop Mast, Bowsprit, fore top gallant Mast, Mizzen Mast, Spritsail Yard, Gibb Boom & Cross Jack Yard un-serviceable, Main top Mast wounded, & Hull much damaged.

### Preston.

Foremost part on the lower Deck, torn by shot, 1 piece of spiketing & 3 pieces of short stuff, between the Posts on the Starboard side & 1. piece of clamp, 1. hanging knee, 3 pieces of spiketing, five d.<sup>o</sup> of quick work, 1. piece of string, 1. barling to the Bowsprit on the Starboard side, 1. piece of spiketing, 2 pieces of quick work on the Starboard side shot away, on the upper Deck, 3 pieces of clamp, 5 hanging knees, 3. pieces of spiketing, 3. d.<sup>o</sup> of quick work, on the Starboard side, 2. pieces of spiketing, two d.<sup>o</sup> of quick work, on the Starboard side shot away on the Quarter Deck, 1 piece of clamp on the Starboard side through tree

rail on the Starboard side of the Poop, shot away.

Main Mast, Main top Mast, spare main topmast, 1. fish for Mast, spare main and foretoprail yards, Mizzen, mizzen topsail yard, Cross Jack & Driver yard, the Barge Cutter Long Boat, all shot thro', & shot in the Main Wale, the Poop split at the twenty foot mark by a shot, twelve in the Channel Wale, six above 9. and 10. on the Starboard side.

Buffalo.

The Clamps, spiketings & Waterways, several of the hanging Maces, Lodging knees and Standards wounded, 3. shot in the foremast. 1. in the foretop mast, 3. in the fore yard, 1. in the Gibb Boom, 3. in the Main mast, & 5. in the Main yard, Steel in the maintop mast shot away, spare maintop mast wounded, Starboard arm of the foretop sail yard, shot away near the Quarter, and 1. shot in the Starboard arm, 2. shot in the Mizzen yard, Mizzen Trussel Trees shot away, Mizzen Mast wounded, Driver Boom and Studding sail Booms & Yards wounded, About 130 shot in the Wales, sides & Topsides, & Boats much shattered

Dolphin

Several shot between Wind & Water, 14 on the Bends, Upper Works much damaged, main

Mast shot thro' in four places, Main top  
 Mast half thro', Main yard 3 shot thro',  
 Main Top & Cross tree much Damaged, Fore  
 Mast 3. Shot thro' it, Foretopmast wounded,  
 Foretop gallant Mast much Wounded, fore  
 yard shot in the upper part, Mizzen top  
 Mast shot thro', Cross Jack yard, cut in  
 two, the Gaff shot in two, Two shot thro'  
 the Driver Boom, Spare topsail yard  
 shot thro', Bowsprit shot thro' in three  
 places, Ships sides and a Number of  
 other Articles very much damaged, no  
 spare Top masts in the ship fit for  
 Service.



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Report of the Damages  
sustained by the Regu-  
-lators under the command  
of Vice Adm. & Governor in  
the Engagement with  
the Dutch. —

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