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J. S. Croker

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Admiral's Bay 29<sup>th</sup> 1812.

Ad<sup>l</sup> Lord Keith has transmitted to  
Mr Croker a letter from Capt  
Kotham of H.M.S. Northumberland  
board, giving an account of the  
total destruction of a French Squa-  
dron consisting of the Andromache  
& Ariadne each of 44 guns &  
450 men & the Marnes of 18 guns  
150 men.

Capt Kotham intercepted the  
enemy in an attempt to enter  
the port of L'orient, & after  
some judicious manœuvring  
& gallant enterprise on the part  
of the Northumberland, the enemy's  
ships were all three, run ashore,  
where after lying for some time  
expounded

exposed to "a deliberate & careful  
fire" from His Majesty's ships, they  
in succession took fire & explo-  
ded.

The loss on the part of H. M. S.  
was 5 killed, 14 severely & 14  
slightly wounded.

The conduct & gallantry of  
Capt. B. & all his officers  
& men were admirable.