

Sunday 25th Febr. We this morning doubled the light house
 then had a fair breeze to carry us in. The appearance
 of the harbour was uncommonly ^{grand}. 3 or 4 x 20 sail of the
 line, 5 or six pontoons or hulks with French prisoners,
 many smaller vessels of war, & a vast number of merchant
 vessels of all descriptions with innumerable small craft,
 an only disgusting sight spoiled the whole. The number
 of corse floating on the water, there are shabby Frenchmen
 on board the hulks who from close confinement &
 bad provisions, & being greatly crowded, die very fast
 & without ceremony are consigned to the deep, ^{without}
 unanointed & unannaled. The hard ships they endured
 induced some to layard their lives in attempting to escape
 & they succeeded in cutting down a boat & the fire at
^{ships} pursued by our boats they effected their landing to the great
 triumph of their countrymen who received them on the beach
 & in truth their boldness deserved success. several then
 attempted to swim off, but were discovered & brought back
 by a shot; the firmness with which they endured the greatest
 sufferings & the constancy in refusing the offers made to
 them deserve encomium even from an enemy, far as
 all sorts of closer, ^{down off} the commencement of the war between
 Spain & France. ~~At~~ The relics of Dupont's army were brought
 to Cadix & placed aboard the prison ships, a pestilential fever
 broke out among them, & 15 or 16 died daily. At this time
 the English who were off the harbour offered to take any
 German Swif, or Italians, into their service, the offer ~~was~~
 to a man refused. On landing we avoided the Quarantine
 which is strictly observed to all ships from the African Coast)
 by declaration, we had letters of importance to the Commander in
 Chief which was given us for an ~~order~~ ^{order} by the Navy Admiral Piers
 to whom we had before delivered them) but not in the way this order