

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. All our attention was this day directed from the sea to the contemplation of the miserable picture exhibited in the harbour during the morning. The tempestuousness of its fury but abated if possible with increased violence, the swell was so great that the waves constantly beat over the wall, a dark thick heavy mist began, over the water occasionally dispersed by violent squalls & storm considerably of a deep heavy sea alone remained <sup>what height</sup> & storm land ~~from~~ from whom we gained information of the sad effect produced by it. This storm was more violent than any in recollection of the oldest pilot here, except that which succeeded the battle of Trafalgar, it is the only one intercepted by no intermediate land bursts on the land with the force of the whole Atlantic. The shipping usually in there scarce works up to the inner harbour, but this was impossible as the enemy commanded the entrance, & they were impeded to remain exposed without to all its bitterness. The top of the line, the Martinez, Ramon & laste Spanish & the Thames Portuguese, were driven on the enemy's coast, 1st on the first purpose or by the red hot shot from their batteries the chief mischief was done by this whilst adrift by running against the other vessels, 5 or 6 were sunk by their broadside & many other were afterwards driven or shot from their cables being parted by these vessels in the bay. The rest were driven on the opposite coast, exhibited as no vessel of war was lost but several stores foremast & fittings. Their anchorage in evening was 2 again anchored, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ which should have been preserved. It has however produced considerable discontent among the Spaniards who justly complain that if proper precautions had been taken by the English no loss would have been sustained by them. It appears that before