

The Spanish vessel was removed from the Inner bay  
 They informed our Admiral that we were in want of cables  
 & requested an immediate supply of 2k. ~~It~~ instead of  
~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> complied with this demand our Admiral  
 & myself sent them but that they had plenty in  
 store & it is certain that from want of them their  
 ships were lost, what has further increased their  
 indignation is the unguarded capture of some Naval  
 officers, who have expressed their joy at the event  
 as it removed a great incumbrance off our hands  
 One great evil has arisen from this storm that the  
 French have been furnished with materials for construct-  
 ing of boats, & have also learnt how much we mean  
 be annoyed with red hot shot, a secret which we mean  
 will never have circulated from them.  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb I saw several officers of our Squadron  
 who complain most terribly of the cowardice of the Spaniards  
 in rendering assistance to their distressed ships  
 as soon as gun were brought to bear on them, their  
 could induce their sailors to go within its range, but they  
 kept a respectful distance whilst our boats brought off  
 the hand & valuable property to them, on board they  
 decended alongside, but immediately they were fired  
 upon they with their lieutenant threw themselves  
 flat on the bottom of boat & begged away from the ship  
 like lions. The French on usual have made a distinction  
 between their manner of treating the English & other vessels  
 & transport with 160. Officers & men were humanely  
 received, & whilst they unmercifully beat some Ameri-  
 can declares their enmity since they carried supplies  
 can be seized from. I fired upon other men were  
 incapable of making any resistance I only anxious  
 for the preservation of their lives. I of course were  
 particularly anxious for the fate of the Tarapoto, which  
 luckily escaped shipwreck. The captured vessels  
 imminent danger & saved only by the kindness of