

ADDENDA.

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From William Berry, midshipman in the frigate Chesapeake.

SIR—I consider myself bound to lay before you what came under my knowledge while on board the Chesapeake, as well as on board the Shannon.

After the enemy had complete possession of the ship, midshipmen Randolph and Flushman were ordered from the fore and main-top. In coming down the shrouds Lieut. Falkner (the British officer) said to his men, *kill those damned rascals*. Then, and immediately, several muskets were discharged at them, but without effect. My station was in the mizen-top, where I had an opportunity of seeing their actions. I was looking on deck when I saw one of the Chesapeake's men crawling along, attempting to get below with one of his legs off. *One of the enemy stepped up to him with his cutlass, and immediately put an end to his existence*. Lieut. Falkner looked up in the mizen-top; pointed at me, said he to his men, go up three of you and throw that damned Yankee overboard. They immediately rushed up, seizing me by the collar, now, said they, you damned Yankee, you shall swim for it, attempting to throw me overboard; but I got within the rigging, when one of them kicked me in the breast, which was the cause of my falling; being stunned by the fall, I lay some time senseless, and *when I came to, I was cut over the head with a cutlass*, which nearly terminated my existence. Eleven of our midshipmen were confined in a small place, nine feet by six, with an old sail to lie on, and a guard at the door, until a day or two before our arrival at Halifax; and likewise eleven of us upon five rations, and some days only one meal. Our clothes were taken on board of the Shannon; Lieut. Wallis, the commanding officer on board, would not let us take our clothes below with us, but pledged his word and honor as an officer, we should receive our clothes. But we discovered next morning *that their midshipmen had on our clothes and side arms*. We were conversing together respecting our clothes—one of their midshipmen overheard our con-