

ward of Belleisle, and the French admiral head-moſt, ſoon after led round the Cardinals, while his rear was in action. About four o'clock the Formidable ſtruck, and a little after, the Theſee and Superbe were ſunk. About five the Heros ſtruck, and came to an anchor. but it blowing hard, no boat could be ſent on board her. Night was now come, and being on a part of the coaſt, among iſlands and ſhoals, of which we were totally ignorant, without a pilot, as was the greateſt part of the ſquadron, and blowing hard on a lee ſhore, I made the ſignal to anchor, and came to in 15 fathom water, the iſland of Dumet bearing E. by N. between two and three miles, the Cardinals W. half S. and the ſteeples of Crozie S. E. as we found next morning.

In the night we heard many guns of diſtreſs fired, but blowing hard, want of knowledge of the coaſt, and whether they were fired by a friend or an enemy, prevented all means of relief.

By day-break of the 21ſt we diſcovered one of our ſhips diſmaſted aſhore on the Four, the French Heros alſo, and the Soliel Royal, which under cover of the night had anchored among us, cut and run aſhore to the weſtward of Crozie. On the latter's moving, I made the Effex's ſignal to ſlip and purſue her; but ſhe unfortunately got upon the Four, and both ſhe and the Reſolution are irrecoverably loſt, notwithſtanding we ſent them all the aſſiſtance that the weather would permit. About fourſcore of the Reſolution's company, in ſpite of the ſtrongeſt remonſtrances of their captain, made rafts, and, with ſeveral French priſoners belonging to the Formidable, put off, and I am afraid drove out to ſea. All the Effex's are ſaved (with as many of the ſtores as poſſible) except one lieutenant and a boat's crew, who drove on the French ſhore, and have not ſince been heard of. The remains of both ſhips are ſet on fire. We found the Dorſetſhire, Revenge, and Deſiance,