

partial and unbiassed say to this moment, that had the Vice Admiral not fired a single gun on the 27th, there could have been no excuse, no plea in support of the Commander in Chief's not destroying the enemy's fleet, as he had one hundred guns more, better manned, and heavier mettle than the French. However, that was not the case—Palliser is allowed to have fought bravely, nay, that his conduct on the 27th and 28th, of July, instead of being reprehensible, was, in many parts thereof, *exemplarly and highly meritorious*; and if Mr. K——I had distinguished on the day of battle as clearly as he seemed to do on the day of trial, why not put him under an arrest immediately, and give the command to some other officer? or, why did he not give orders to shift his flag on board some other ship, as the Formidable could then but barely float? But the Vice Admiral, notwithstanding his shattered situation, was preparing with all possible dispatch, to repair the damages received, and take a part in the line a second time, had not the signal for renewing the fight been ordered down in a very short time, and in as *handsome a manner*.

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