

R E M A R K S.

It may not be amiss to bring to the recollection of the reader, circumstances showing the influence which the action of the Armstrong at Fayal, had on the movements, and final success of General Jackson at New-Orleans, although Jackson and Reid were neither of them conscious of it at the time.

The action with the Armstrong, commanded by Capt. Reid, was on the 26th, of Sept. 1814. The fleet commanded by Admiral Cochrane and destined for the expedition against New-Orleans, was at that moment waiting at Jamaica for the Squadron commanded by Capt. Lloyd, which had been dispatched from England with orders to join the fleet at Jamaica, with all convenient speed. Capt. Lloyd however, with an honest zeal for his Britannic Majesty's service, on being informed of the fact, that the Gen. Armstrong was then actually lying in the harbour of Fayal, very naturally concluded that such a vessel might be useful to the expedition of which he was to compose a part ; and ordered the immediate capture of this Rebellious Yankee vessel. The attack was accordingly made—the result of which appears in the following pages.

When Lloyd arrived at Jamaica, and it was told to the Admiral and to General Pakenham, what had befallen him, that he had sustained a loss of about 200 of his best men, and had in consequence been detained at Fayal above ten days, they were exceedingly indignant ; and loaded Lloyd with bitter reproaches.