

Boston, Feb. 17.

Gentlemen who have been on board the *Constitution*, which still lies in the lower harbour, mention having learnt, that Com. Bainbridge received two wounds in the action, one by a musquet ball, the other by langridge; but he is now entirely well: and tho' the *Constitution* could have been prepared for another battle immediately, she was very considerably injured in her spars, sails, bulwarks, &c. had several shot near wind and water, and lost her wheel a few minutes after the battle commenced, so that Com. B. is fully justified in bringing her into port to be repaired: that the *Java* was to windward, and in the first part of the action fought at a greater distance than the *Constitution* desired; and that both ships manœuvred to prevent being raked. The masts of the *Java* were successively shot away with great execution.

Com. Bainbridge was wounded, but has recovered. Lieut. Alwyn was wounded, and died some days after. Mr. Waldo was also wounded. No other officers were injured.

The *Constitution* has on board part of the cargo of schr. *Helen*, from London for St. Salvador, captured by the *Hornet*, off the latter port; the schooner was given up.

The *Hornet* had captured the American ship *William*, belonging to Portland, from the Isle of May, with salt, which had been captured by the *Java*, and had been carried into St. S. and left.

The *Java* touched at St. Jago, Cape de Verdes, and learned that the *Essex* had been there—and supposing the *Constitution* to be that frigate with carronades only, kept at long shot, which prolonged the action. They learned by the officers of the *Java* that the *Essex* had captured a sloop of war, and four rich prizes. The *Constitution* had received only three shots in her hull. Capt. Lambert died 5 days after the action, at St. Salvador. The *Constitution* sailed from that port Jan. 6. No vessels had lately arrived.

Newspaper Article detailing battle against HMS *Java*, Commercial Advertiser.

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## CONFIRMATION.

The following extract of a letter from New-York dated on the 18th instant, has been communicated to us by a gentleman of this town.

§ The Purser of the Constitution has arrived in town with the official account.—*Edits. Fed. Rep.*

“Accounts have been received here this morning from Boston of the arrival at the latter port of the Constitution frigate. The action lasted 1 hour 55 minutes. The Java was totally dismasted, had 60 killed and 101 wounded. Her captain died of his wounds, the day after the action. The survivors were landed on parole at St. Salvador. The Constitution had 9 killed, 25 wounded and little or no damage to the Hull. The Constitution besides took a valuable ship and brig. The ship was burnt—the brig and the Constitution have on board the cargo. The brig was left under convoy of the Hornet, and is expected momentarily at Boston. The Java is stated to rate 36 guns, with an extra complement of 140 men.”

Newspaper Article detailing battle against HMS Java, *Confirmation*; *Federal Republican*.

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# THE PALLADIUM.

BOSTON, FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1813.

## HONOUR TO VALOUR.

Yesterday at 12 o'clock, Commodore BAINBRIDGE landed at the Long-wharf from the frigate *Constitution*, amidst salutes from the North-end Artillery Company at Hancock's-wharf, and the Washington Artillery at the Long-wharf. He was received at the landing place by Commodore RODGERS, Capt. HULL, Gen. WELLES, and other gentlemen of distinction, and escorted to the Exchange-Coffee-House by the New England Guards. On his quitting his barge, and at short intervals, till he reached the Coffee-House, the assembled citizens greeted him with repeated huzzas. The concourse of people occupied nearly the whole space from the end of the wharf to the Coffee-house, and it was with difficulty the escort penetrated. On the vessels in the harbour, across the wharf and street, and from many stores, &c. where exhibited that flag which his services have contributed to honour. On one ensign which was extended across State-street was inscribed the names of HULL, JONES, DECATUR and BAINBRIDGE.

We understand, that Lt. Gen. HISLOP, taken in the *Java*, presented Com. BAINBRIDGE with a very elegant sword on parting with him, as a compliment for his magnanimity and humanity towards the prisoners.

Newspaper Article detailing battle against HMS Java, *The Palladium*.

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*Copy of a Letter from a British Officer,*

*" Prisoner on board the American frigate  
Constitution, St. Salvador, Jan. 1.*

*" My dear Sir—I am very sorry to inform  
you of the unpleasant news of Mr. Gascoigne's death. Mr. G. and myself were shipmates  
in the Marlborough, and first came to sea together. He was shot early in the action, by  
a round shot, in the right thigh, and died in a  
few minutes after. Four other of his mess-  
mates shared the same fate, together with 60  
men killed, and 170 wounded. The official  
account you will no doubt have seen before  
this reaches you. I beg you will let all his  
friends and relations hear of his untimely fate.  
We were on board the Java frigate for a pas-  
sage to India, when we fell in with this fri-  
gate. Hope this will reach you.*

*Yours, H. D. CORNECH.*

*" Lt. Peter V. Wood, 22d reg. of foot. Isle of  
France or Bourbon."*

Newspaper Article detailing battle against HMS Java, *Copy of a Letter from a British Officer*;  
*Salem Gazette*. Salem, 2/19/1813, XXVII: 15 pg. 1