

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 frigate. 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*;
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