

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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