



Thurot's Defeat,

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ON the 21st, of April, as I've heard many say,
There came a fleet of French ships to anchor in
our bay,

To anchor in our bay and there to take a cruise,
So we bore down to Carrackfergus without any more
dispute,

My heart is sore lamenting for Carrackfergus town,
It is so situated, the country all round,
There's nothing to defend them for the want of powder
and ball.

So loud the French dogs for quarters they did call

As Thurot in his cabin lay he dreamt a strange dream
A voice that came to him called him by name.

Saying Thurot you are to blame for laying so long here
For the English will be here to night if the wind it doth
blow fair,

Thurot from his cabin he called all his men,
Saying, weigh your anchors, my brave boys, and let us
all be gone, (can,

For we'll get up all in the night, & make all the haste we
And steer in south west all for the isle of man.

It was early next morning as day light did appear,
Elliot hove in sight, my boys, and gave them three cheers
Elliot hove in sight, my boys, and to his men did say,
Yonder is Monsieur Thurot and we'll shew them Bri-
tish play (name.

The first ship that engaged us the Union was her
She gave to us a broadside, and bore away again.

Then came up the other two, and gave us fire round,
That's bravely done, says Thurot, that is Carrackfergus
town (made

Before that they struck great slaughter there was
And many a gallant Frenchman on the deck lay dead,
For they came tumbling down to fast and wounded as
they lay,

While the British heroes shot their masts away,

Then Thurot came upon the deck he look'd both
pale and wan: (sink us every one,

Saying: strike your colours, my brave boys, or they'll
For the weight of shot, came in so hot, by weather, and
by lee,

Strike, strike my colours or they'll sink us all in the sea

So Thurot he was wounded as I've heard many say,
As was kill'd by Elliot's men, & buried in Ramsey bay,
So here's a health to Elliot's men, and all such warlike
souls, (bowl,

To them we'll drink and never flinch out of a flowing

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