

her Colours down after returning a few Shot, and proved to be La Mignonne, a remarkable fast sailing Ship Corvette, of Sixteen long Eighteen-Pounders, (Six of which she had landed,) commanded by Monsieur J. P. Bargeaud, Capitaine de Fregate, Two Days from Les Cayes, bound to the Cape in her Way to France. She has only Eighty Men.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) C. BRISBANE.

*Commodore Bayntun.*

P. S. Last Night a small Schooner was observed standing into the Convoy, which appearing suspicious, I sent a Boat manned and armed, and found her to be a Frenchman, from St. Jago de Cuba to Port au Prince, with a Cargo of Sugar, and Three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy six Dollars in Cash. She has Three Guns and some Swivels mounted.

Admiralty-Office, September 17, 1803.

*Extract of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir John Thomas Duckworth, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated the 17th July 1803.*

CAPTAIN BISSELL, of the Raccoon Sloop, gallantly went into the Port of Leogane, and, after an Action of Forty Minutes with the French National Brig Lodi, brought her out. The Particulars of which the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty will know from that Officer's Statement, transmitted herewith.

*Raccoon, off the East End of Jamaica, 16th July 1803.*

SIR,

I BEG Leave to acquaint you, that, at Half-past Eleven on Monday Morning the 11th Instant, while working between the Island of Guanaba and St. Domingo, I observed a French National Brig lying at Anchor in Leogane Roads, and I immediately bore up for her. On approaching I found them preparing to receive us with Springs on their Cables, &c. At a Quarter before Three (P. M.) I anchored with Springs within Thirty Yards of him, and immediately commenced an Action, which was continued on both Sides for Thirty Minutes, when she cut her Cables and began to make off. I instantly cut and followed her; and, after about Ten Minutes more of well-directed Fire, we so completely unrigged her that she struck her Colours, and called out they had surrendered. We were obliged to anchor again immediately to prevent driving on Shore. She proves to be Le Lodi, pierced for Twenty Guns, but had only Ten mounted, commanded by M. Pierre Isaac Taupier, Capitaine de Fregate. Our Sails and Rigging are a good deal cut, but I am happy to say I had not a Man killed; and the only Person wounded is Mr. Thomas Gill, Master's-Mate, whose Left Arm was carried off by a Shot; a very worthy promising young Man, who has served his Time in the Navy, and will, if he survives, do Credit to your Patronage. The Loss of the Enemy is One killed and Thirteen or Fourteen wounded, by their Account.

The Conduct of Mr. James Alexander Gordon, the First Lieutenant, on this as well as many other recent Occasions, has been highly Exemplary and Praiseworthy; and I have much Pleasure in inform-

ing you, that the Whole of the Officers and Ship's Company behaved fully to my Satisfaction.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

AUSTIN BISSELL.

*Sir J. T. Duckworth, K. B. Rear-Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief, &c. &c.*

P. S. Enclosed is a List of Vessels taken and destroyed by His Majesty's Sloop under my Command since the 5th of July.

July 6th. A Schooner at Anchor in a Bay near Cape Rosa; sunk.

July 7th. Schooner La Vertu, of Two Guns, carrying Troops and Provisions from Port au Prince to Jeremie; taken.

Sloop L'Ami des Colonies, of Two Guns; taken.

July 9th. A Schooner run on Shore, and sunk in Barradier-Bay.

July 11th. Le Lodi National Brig, Captain P. J. Taupier.

AUSTIN BISSELL.

Admiralty-Office, September 17, 1803.

*Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Charles Elphinstone Fleming, Captain of His Majesty's Ship the Egyptienne, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated at Sea, the 30th August 1803.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to transmit you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of a Letter I have had the Honor of writing to Admiral Cornwallis, on the Capture of La Chiffonette French Privateer by His Majesty's Ship under my Command.

I am, &c. C. E. FLEMING.

*His Majesty's Ship Egyptienne, 30th August 1803.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that His Majesty's Ship under my Command last Night captured the French Privateer La Chiffonette, of Fourteen Guns and Eighty Men. She has been Twenty six Days from Bourdeaux, and has captured a Brig belonging to Jersey, from Santa Cruz bound to Hamburgh, which has been since recaptured by His Majesty's Ship Endymion: She sails remarkably fast, has been chased by several Frigates, and once by this Ship.

When the Chiffonette was first discovered, she was in the act of boarding an English Brig, but quitted her on our Approach.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

C. E. FLEMING.

*Honorable Admiral Cornwallis, &c. &c. &c.*

Notice is hereby given, that Application is intended to be made to Parliament in the next Session, for an Act for making and maintaining a navigable Canal and a Railway or Tram Road, from the Town of Swansea, in the County of Glamorgan, into the Parish of Oystermouth, in the said County; and that such Canal and Railway or Tram Road, are intended to be made and pass in, to, or through the Town and Franchise of Swansea, and the Parishes of Swansea, Bishopstow, and Oystermouth, all in the said County of Glamorgan. Dated at Swansea, this 3d Day of September 1803.

*John Jeffreys, Solicitor.*