

*Admiralty-Office, March 16, 1805.*

THE following Letters and List containing Accounts of Captures made from the Enemy, have been transmitted to this Office by Vice-Admiral Rainier, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies :

*His Majesty's Ship La Dedaigneuse, off Cochin, Dec. 14, 1803.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, that I captured this Morning a small French Privateer (L'Espeigle) of four Guns, some small Arms, and Thirty-six Men; and commanded by Francois Dubois.

She sailed from the Mauritius on the 8th of November, and had not made a Capture.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) P. HEYWOOD.

*To Peter Rainier, Esq; Vice Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief, &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Ship Caroline, Bay of Bengal, Little Andaman, N. 79 Deg. 50 Min. E.*

SIR, *Twenty Leagues, Jan. 5, 1804.*

I HAVE the Pleasure to inform you, this Morning at Two o'Clock we fell in with the French Privateer Brig, Les Freres Unis, of One Hundred and Forty Tons, pierced for Sixteen, but with only Eight Guns on-board, and One Hundred and Thirty-four Men, Fifteen of whom are Officers, and Forty Soldiers from Bourdeaux; in July, and from Mauritius 11th November, on a Cruize, but had taken Nothing. It took us till near Six A. M. to close with and capture this Vessel, who sails fast, and made every Effort to get from us, firing all his Guns into us, and as we hailed, but (thank God) without hurting any one. They had one Man shot by our Musketry, and, with ourselves, received much Injury to Boats, Booms, Rigging, &c. &c.

I am, &c.

B. W. PAGE.

*Vice Admiral Rainier, &c. &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Ship St. Fiorenzo, off Mount Dilly, 14th January 1804.*

SIR,

I HAVE great Pleasure in acquainting you, that the French National Vessel Passe par Tout, (a Chasse Marée,) was this Day at Noon captured by the Boats of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, without the Loss of a single Man, after a most determined Resistance, in which the Enemy lost Two Men killed, with the First and Second Captains, and Three others very dangerously wounded, the Captain, I fear, mortally, having a Ball through his Body. About Ten A. M. perceiving the Chace to have got her Sweeps out, and the Land Wind failing, I sent Three Boats in Pursuit; the Barge and small Cutter with Lieutenants Doyle and Beach (my First and Second Lieutenants,) being up first, most gallantly laid her on board in the Face of a very heavy Fire from Two Brafs Six-Pounders, several Swivels, and repeated Vollies of Musketry, when in less than Two Minutes they laid down their Arms. Great Praise is due to my Officers and People employed on this Occasion; and I have not the least Doubt of their Success, had the Enemy been of a much greater Force. One of the Bargemen is wounded on the Back of his Hand by a Cutlass.

She proved to be the Passe par Tout, of Two Brafs Six-Pounders and Six Brafs Swivels, with Twenty-five Men. I have the Honor to be, &c.

*Vice-Admiral Rainier.*

JOS. BINGHAM.

*His Majesty's Ship Caroline, between the Cocos SIR, and Preparis Islands, Feb. 4, 1804.*

I HAVE the Pleasure to inform you that His Majesty's Ship under my Command has had the good Fortune to capture the French Privateer Ship La General de Caen, of Three Hundred and Sixty Tons, Twenty-two Guns, and Two Hundred Men, this Forenoon. This Ship fell to us by the superior sailing of the Caroline, both being under all possible Sail, going large, our Chace Guns hulling her she struck. Came from the Isle of France, last from Mergui, is stord and victualled for Five Months, and had not made a Capture,

I am, &c.

B. W. PAGE.

*Vice-Admiral Rainier, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Ship Sheernefs, off Point de SIR, Galle, 6th May 1804.*

CRUISING here pursuant to your Directions, for the Protection of Trade in general, and of the Extra Indiaman the Glory in particular, I captured Yesterday the French Privateer Brig L'Alfred; she was commanded by Captain Crevel, mounts Fourteen Guns, carries Eighty Men; she left the Mauritius in December last, and the only Prizes she has made are, the Brigs Friendship, on the 27th March, and Endeavour, on the 16th April, both from Madras to Prince of Wales's Island, and of little Value; she sails well, and is a remarkable fine Vessel.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JAMES LIND.

*Vice-Admiral Rainier, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies.*

*A List of the Enemy's Ships and Vessels taken, destroyed, and recaptured by His Majesty's Ships under the Command of Vice-Admiral Rainier, in the East Indies, between the 21st of December 1803 and the 1st of November 1804.*

French Ship Clarisse, of 12 Guns and 157 Men: Taken by the Albion and Sceptre, December 21, 1803, in Lat. 1 Deg. 18 Min. S. Long. 95 Deg. 20 Min. E.

French Chasse Marée Passe par Tout, of 2 Guns, 6 Swivels, and 25 Men: Taken by the St. Fiorenzo, January 14, 1804, off Mount Dilly.

French Brig L'Espeigle, of 4 Guns (Four Pounders) and 36 Men: Taken by La Dedaigneuse, December 14, 1803, off Cochin.

French Brig Les Freres Unis, of 8 Guns (Nine and Six Pounders, pierced for Sixteen Guns,) 134 Men, and 140 Tons: Taken by the Caroline, January 6, 1804, in the Bay of Bengal.

French Ship General De Coen, of 26 Guns (Nine-Pounders, and heavy Carronades), 200 Men, and 360 Tons: Taken by the Caroline, February 4, 1804, between the Cows and Andaman Isles.

French Brig L'Alfred, of 14 Guns (Six and Four-Pounders), 75 Men, and 110 Tons: Taken by the Sheernefs, May 5, 1804, off Point de Galle.

French Schooner Zephyr, of 4 Men and 90 Tons,