

on Travelling Carriages, 72 Spanish Soldiers, several Spanish Gentlemen and Townsmen Volunteers, and about 100 of the Confidence's Ship's Company.

The small Battery on the Point, 2 Spanish Eighteen-Pounders, one mounted as above, the other on a Ship Carriage, manned by 8 Artillery Men and 10 other Spaniards.

*In the Bay.*

La Confidence of Bourdeaux, pierced for 26 Guns, Twelves and Nines, (not on board,) 116 Feet long on the Main-Deck, 30 Feet wide, measures about 450 Tons, is in good Order, and a very fit Ship for His Majesty's Service; is reckoned to sail excessively fast; was to have gone to Sea in a few Days, bound to India, with a Complement of 300 Men: Brought away.

Le Belier, of Bourdeaux, pierced for 20 Guns; also fitting for Sea; was to have carried Eighteen-Pounder Carronades, and 180 Men; supposed to be destined to cruize to the Westward of Cape Clear: Burnt.

The Guns on the Fort and Battery spiked, and thrown over the Parapet. The Carriages broke, and rendered unserviceable. The Embrazures blown up. Forty Barrels of Powder brought on board, with Two small Brass Cannons, and 50 Stand of Arms.

(Signed) FRED. MAITLAND.

Admiralty-Office, June 22, 1805.

*Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Hercule, at Sea, the 2d May 1805.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to enclose, for their Lordships' Information, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Coghtan, of His Majesty's Sloop Renard, acquainting me of his having brought to Action the General Erneuf Privateer, late His Majesty's Sloop Lilly, which, after a close Action of Thirty-five Minutes, took Fire and exploded. It is an additional Proof of the steady and decisive Conduct of Captain Coghlan, who speaks in high Terms of his Officers and Ship's Company, all of whom will, I am sure, meet the Approbation of their Lordships.

I am, &c. J. R. DACRES.

*His Majesty's Sloop Renard, Port Royal, Jamaica, April 27, 1805.*

SIR,

HAVING escorted the Chesterfield Packet to the Latitude directed in your Order of the Sixteenth of March last, and being on my Way to carry into Effect the latter Part of it, I have the Honor to acquaint you, that at Eleven A. M. on Friday the Twentieth Ult. being in Latitude Twenty-one Deg. Fourteen Min. N., and Longitude Seventy-one Deg. Thirty Min. West, a Ship was seen to Leeward standing (under easy Sail) to the North West; all Sail was instantly made in Chace, and the Stranger soon discovered to be an Enemy, who, upon our Approach, shortened Sail, evidently with an Intention to engage us; at Twenty Minutes past Two P. M. having reduced our Sail, I closed with the Enemy, who opened his Fire upon us, but not a Gun was fired from this Ship until within Pistol-Shot, at which Distance she was placed on the Enemy's Weather-Bow, when, a Fire com-

menced that reflects infinite Praise on the Officers who directed it, for at the short Period of Thirty-five Minutes, the Enemy was discovered to be on Fire, and in Ten Minutes after blew up with a dreadful Explosion; every possible Exertion was now made to get the only Boat that could swim to the Relief of the few Brave, but unfortunate Survivors; who had just before so gallantly defended themselves, and who were now seen all around us, on the scattered Remnants of the Wreck, in a mangled and truly distressing State; but it is with Pleasure I add, that of the few who escaped the Flames, not a Man was drowned, amounting to Fifty-five.

The Ship proved to be the General Erneuf, a Privateer, late His Majesty's Sloop Lilly, commanded by Monsieur Paul Gerand Pointe, Seven Days from Basseterre, Guadaloupe, carrying Eighteen Twelve-Pounder Carronades, and Two long Guns (Four more than when in His Majesty's Service), with a Compliment of One Hundred and Sixty Men, (Thirty-one of whom were Soldiers,) going to Cruize for the Homeward bound Jamaica Fleet.

The Enemy's Loss was great before the melancholy Scene that put an End to the Action, having between Twenty and Thirty Men killed and wounded; and I am singularly happy to acquaint you that mine is inconsiderable, Nine Men only being wounded, some slightly, I hope none dangerously. The steady, cool, and determined Conduct of the Officers and Men serving under my Orders, was truly meritorious, and gives them just Claims on every Commendation that is in the Power of their Commander to bestow. Our Sails, Running, and Standing Rigging have suffered much, the Enemy's Fire being principally directed against them. The Second Captain and One Lieutenant are the only surviving Officers. This Ship cruized with great Success against the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects, having made Six valuable Captures on her former Cruize.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JEREMIAH COGHLAN.

*To James Richard Dacres, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the Red, &c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, June 22, 1805.

*Copy of another Letter from Rear Admiral Dacres to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board L'Hercule, at Sea, the 9th May 1805.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to enclose you the Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Hardyman, of the Unicorn, acquainting me of the Boats of that Ship having captured the Tape-a-bord, Cutter Privateer.

I am, &c.

J. R. DACRES.

*His Majesty's Ship Unicorn, at Sea, May 6, 1805.*

SIR,

I BEG Leave to inform you of the Capture of the French National Privateer Le Tape-a-bord, mounting Four Six-Pounders, well armed, and carrying Forty-six Men, commanded by Citizen Hemi-guelth, by the Boats of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, on the North Side of St. Domingo, Cape Francois, bearing S. W. by S. Distance Eight or Nine Leagues, on the Morning of the 6th In-

