

Left Hand, and a Branch of Olive in her Right Hand; all which Penny Pieces, Halfpenny Pieces, and Farthings have been coined by Matthew Boulton, of Soho, near Birmingham, in the County of Warwick, Esquire: We have therefore, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command that all the said Pieces of Copper Money last described, which have already been coined and issued, and which shall hereafter be coined and issued as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful Money of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful Money of Our said Kingdom; that is to say, such Penny Pieces as of the Value of One Penny; such Halfpenny Pieces as of the Value of One Halfpenny; and such Farthings as of the Value of One Farthing: Provided that no Person shall be obliged to take more of such Penny Pieces in any one Payment than shall be of the Value of One Shilling, after the Rate aforesaid: or to take more of such Halfpenny or Farthing Pieces in any one Payment than shall be of the Value of Sixpence, after the Rate aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at the Queen's Palace, the Seventh Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and six, in the Forty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

Admiralty-Office, May 20, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Ocean, off Cadiz, the 30th of April 1806.

SIR,

I INCLOSE, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Captain Mundy, of His Majesty's Ship the Hydra, giving an Account of his having captured the Spanish National Schooner Argonauta, on the Morning of the 28th Instant, after a long Chace.

I am, &c. COLLINGWOOD

*His Majesty's Ship Hydra, at Sea
28th April 1806.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, His Catholic Majesty's Schooner Argonauta, commanded by Lieutenant Don Josef de Mendivil, and destined for Buenos Ayres, with Dispatches, was captured this Morning by His Majesty's Ship under my Command, (after a Chace of Two Hundred and Thirty Miles, in Lat. 34 Deg. 9 Min. N. and Long. 9 Deg. 29 Min. W.

She is a remarkable fine Vessel of her Kind, having originally carried Ten Six-Pounders and Two Eights, all of which, however, were taken out previous to her proceeding across the Atlantic, on the above Service; at the Time of Capture having only Four Sixes mounted on Stocks, and a Complement of Twenty Officers and Men. She is coppered, and well-found in every Sort of Store, and appears perfectly adapted for His Majesty's Service.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

G. MUNDY.

*To the Right Honorable Lord Collingwood,
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, May 20, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to William Marsden, Esq; dated at Port Royal, March 27, 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to inclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Waller, of the Serpent, detailing the Capture of one of His Catholic Majesty's Guarda Costas by the Boats of that Sloop, in a very gallant Manner.

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

His Majesty's Sloop Serpent, Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica, March 6, 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that, on the 28th of November last, being off the Island of Bonaccé, at Five P. M. Two Sail appeared in the N. E. Quarter. As they were far to Windward, and Night approaching, I judged, by commencing a Chace at that Time, there was but little Prospect of keeping Sight of them after Close of Day, I therefore continued with the Ship in the same Situation as when first seen till Dusk, and then bore up; made all Sail for Truxillo Bay, the Entrance of which we reached before Eleven o'Clock the same Night. I was induced to believe, by the Direction they were steering, added to other Circumstances, this was their Destination. At Two in the Morning of the 29th, these Vessels were seen rounding the East Point forming Truxillo Bay, but hauling so close to the Land that they were scarcely to be discerned. Experiencing a strong Current, at the same Time setting the Ship out, and the Wind also in that Direction, which they avoided in Shore, I found, under these great Disadvantages, there was no Probability of acting against them with Effect without the Boats, so they were instantly dispatched under the Orders of Mr. William Patfull, the Second Lieutenant, and Mr. Charles Trace, Master's-Mate, in the Launch, and the Cutter with Mr. Samuel Nisbett, Midshipman, and Mr. Thomas Scriven, the Purser, all of whom came forward in a very handsome Manner, offering their Services, as well as every Man employed on this Occasion. We had made them out before Night; one to be a Felucca, the other Felucca rigged forward, but having a Schooner-sail aft, which convinced me they were Enemy's Armed Vessels, I therefore directed the Boats to act together, and attempt the largest first. On approaching her they received a heavy Discharge from great Guns and small Arms, but their Exertions soon caused them to board and carry their Object; which proved to be a Schooner built Vessel and Guarda Costa, called the St. Christo Vil Pano, bearing the Colours and belonging to His Catholic Majesty, from the Havannah, mounting one long Traversing Eighteen-Pounder, Two Four-Pounders, Four Brass Three-Pounders, small Arms, &c. and Forty Men, commanded by Don Juan Christorel Tierro, who, and Twenty-five others escaped by jumping overboard and swimming on Shore; Lieutenant Patfull, with the Launch alone lost no Time in pursuing the other, but am sorry to say, she eluded his Vigilance under cover of the Night, by lowering her Sails, then sweeping round the opposite Side of the Bay close to Lukes Keys; and at Daylight was nearly under the Fort Truxillo; a Spanish Fe-