

Quarantine, or his Assistant, or Principal Officer, or other Officer of the Customs, authorized by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, or any Four or more of them, to act in that Behalf, give a true Answer to the same in Writing or otherwise, and upon Oath, or not upon Oath, according as he shall be required by such Superintendent, or his Assistant or Principal Officer, or other Officer of the Customs authorized as aforesaid, under such Pains and Penalties as are inflicted by an Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for making further Provision for the effectual Performance of Quarantine." And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master General, and the rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governors and Commanders in Chief, for the Time being, of the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain. *W. Fawkener.*

Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1811.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir Charles Cotton, Bart., Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to John Wilson Croker, Esq; dated on board the San Josef, off Toulon, the 2d April 1811.

SIR,

I HAVE much Satisfaction in transmitting to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Captain Otway, reporting the Capture, by the Ajax and Unité, on the 31st Ultimo, of the Dromadaire French Frigate-built Ship, having on board Ammunition and Stores supped for Corfu.

The Dromadaire being a new Ship, and calculated for His Majesty's Service, I shall direct Commissioner Fraser to purchase her, together with the Stores, &c. &c. for His Majesty's Service.

I have the Honour to be, &c.
(Signed) C. COTTON.

*His Majesty's Ship Ajax, off Elba,
March 31, 1811.*

SIR,

IN pursuance of the Instructions I had the Honour to receive from you on the 26th Instant, for intercepting the Frigates which had escaped from Toulon to the Eastward, I lost not a Moment in pushing through the Straits of Bonifacio, directing the Unité at the same Time to go round by Cape Corse. On my rejoining her last Night off this Island, I was informed she had been chased during the Day by the Enemy's Frigates, and that they were working through the Piombino Passage. All Sail was immediately made in that Direction, and at Dawn this Morning they were discovered (as per Margin*) a little to Windward. From the short Distance they were from the Land, I regret we could only succeed in cutting off the Dromadaire, the Rear Ship; the other Two narrowly escaped from Captain Chamberlayne by running into Porto Ferrago.

* Emily 40 Guns, Adrian 40, Dromadaire 20.

The Dromadaire is a very fine Frigate-built Ship, of Eight Hundred Tons, sails remarkably well, and is only Five Months old; she was constructed by the French Government for the express Purpose of carrying Stores. Her Cargo consists of Fifteen Thousand Shot and Shells of different Sizes, and Ninety Tons of Gunpowder.

She was commanded by a Lieutenant de Vaiffeau, and her Complement One Hundred and Fifty Men. From the Report of the Prisoners it appears they were bound to Corfu.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) R. W. OTWAY.

To Sir C. Cotton, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1811.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Atchison, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop the Scylla, addressed to Admiral Sir Robert Calder Bart., Commander in Chief at Plymouth, and transmitted by the latter to John Wilson Croker Esq.

His Majesty's Brig Scylla, within Les Triagos Rocks, off Morlaix, May 8, 1811.

I HAVE the Pleasure to inform you, being close in with the Isle of Bas, this Morning at Half-Past Nine o'Clock observed a Man of War Brig, with Five small Sail under Convoy, to Leeward, which I immediately gave chase to; Half-Past Eleven came up and commenced firing at her and Convoy; Forty-five Minutes past Eleven, finding we were within Les Triagos and Pontgalo Rocks, and she was determined if possible to run on shore, obliged me to lay the Scylla on board her, then going Eight Knots; in Two Minutes afterwards we got possession, but not before her First Captain, One Midshipman, the Boatswain, and Three Seamen were killed, One Midshipman and Five Seamen dangerously, and Five Seamen slightly wounded. She proves to be the French National Brig La Canonniere, of Ten Four-Pounders, one Twenty-four Pound Carronade, and Four Swivels, with a Complement of Seventy-seven Men, commanded by Monsieur Jean Joseph Benoit Schilds, Enseigne de Vaiffeau, out only Two Hours from Perros, bound to Brest. I think if we had been off the Land she would not have fired a Shot at us; but with the Hope of running her on shore, and being close to it, they fought hard, and I am sorry to say the Scylla had Two Seamen killed, One Midshipman and One Marine slightly wounded. I was only enabled to get possession of one of her Convoy, a Sloop laden with Wheat, the other Four having got within the Rocks and run on shore; indeed I was glad, from the shattered state of La Canonniere, and the Wind and Sea increasing, to get out from where I was with what I had.

In this little Affair I have great Satisfaction to mention that Mr. Speck, First Lieutenant, all the Officers and Crew I have the Honour to command, did all they could; I should be proud to have an Opportunity where they could shew themselves to a greater Advantage.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) A. ATCHISON.

Names of Men Killed and Wounded.

Thomas Shields, Captain of the After-Guard, killed.