

ced, that if an opportunity of real service offered, they would do credit to the country they belong to. I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. OGILVY.

SIR, Hermione, Cape St Nicholas, April 21.

I have the honour to inform you, that, pursuant to your order of the 18th instant, I have proceeded with his Majesty's ship Mermaid off the east end of Tortuga, to endeavour to fall in with the Drake and Penelope, and was joined by them and his Majesty's ship Quebec, at sun-set, on the 19th.

The wind being very light, and a strong current setting to the eastward, I judged we should not reach Jean Rabel before day-light, therefore stood to the north-west until three o'clock in the afternoon of the 20th, keeping far enough from the land to prevent any suspicion of our intentions, having determined to attempt surprising the vessels with the boats, under cover of the night.

I directed the several Captains to make the necessary preparations for that purpose, and stood in, carrying a proportion of sail to be close in shore to the eastward of Jean Rabel, before the land wind came off, in which we succeeded to my wishes, and kept running down to the westward until I supposed we were within two miles of the vessels, when the boats were sent in with directions to row close along shore until they discovered them, it being then so dark we could not see them from the ships; the frigates followed under an easy sail, keeping about a mile from the shore, to draw the attention of the enemy, and thereby favour the attempt of the boats. At about one o'clock I perceived a fire of musquetry, at which time the enemy had discovered the boats, but not until they were in possession of many of the vessels, and had one actually under way. The batteries almost immediately opened upon the ships, which was occasionally returned by them, and about four o'clock the vessels were all in possession of our people, and standing out with the land breeze, except two small row-boats, which were hauled upon the beach, and could not be got off. I cannot omit expressing my thanks to Captains Cook, Otway, and Perkins, for their advice and ready assistance in the execution of the above service, and my approbation of the conduct and exertions of the officers and crews belonging to the different ships, especially those employed in the boats; and it is with particular satisfaction I have to inform you, that it has been executed without a man being hurt. Inclosed I have the honour to transmit to you a list of the nine vessels which were brought out by the boats. And am, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) HUGH PIGOT.

SIR HYDE PARKER, Commander  
in-Chief, &c. &c.

A list of vessels brought out of Jean Rabel by his Majesty's ships Hermione, Quebec, Mermaid, Drake brig, and Penelope cutter:—

Ship Polly, from New Portland to the Mole, with lumber and porter; brig Two Sisters, from New York to Port au Prince, with flour and cheese; brig Sally, from Philadelphia to the Mole, with bread and flour; all taken off Jean Rabel, by l'Entruvie privateer.

Brig Abione, from Baltimore to the Mole, in ballast, and schooner Columbia, from New Providence to Rhode island, in ballast, taken off Jean Rabel by two row-boats.

Schooner Juno, from New York to Port au Prince, with coffee; taken off Tortuga by a privateer.

Schooner Citizen Snow Hill, from Baltimore to Mariegalante, laden with flour, &c. taken off Jean Rabel by a privateer.

Sloop Industry, from Newhaven to the Mole, in ballast. A sloop brought in by the men belonging to his Majesty's brig Drake, supposed to have failed from the Mole.

(Signed) HUGH PIGOT.

SIR, La Magicienne, Calabash Bay, April 8.

I have the satisfaction to inform you, that the boats belonging to the Magicienne and Regulus, officered and manned by volunteers from the two ships, in the night of the 6th inst. entered the harbour of Cape Roxo, in this island, the great receptacle for French privateers and their prizes, when they captured, sunk, and burnt, 13 sail of square-rigged vessels and schooners, the whole in the port (except a Danish ship), and destroyed two batteries of two guns each, six and four pounders, at the entrance and head of the harbour, without the loss of a man.

This service was so admirably well executed, that I think it a duty incumbent upon me to make known to you the names of every officer employed on it.

I have the honour to be, W. H. RICKETTS.

Officers employed on the Cape Roxo expedition.

La Magicienne—Mr Naples, First Lieutenant; Mr Cheshire, Master; Mr Adams, Purser; Mr Jordain, Surgeon; Mr Perry, Lieutenant of Marines.—Regulus, Mr Macheath, First Lieutenant; Mr Reid, Master; Mr Frazer, Lieutenant of Marines.

Hermione, at Cape Nichola, April 15.

I have the honour to inform you, that, on the 22d of March, standing in between the island of Zachen and the west end of Porto Rico, I discovered a brig, and several smaller vessels, at anchor close in shore, and had the good fortune to succeed in bringing the Hermione to an anchor within half a mile of them, and abreast of a small battery, which immediately opened a fire upon the ship, but was very shortly silenced.

I sent the boats, under the direction of Lieutenants Reid and Douglas, to take possession of the vessels; and though they were aground, and a small fire of musquetry kept up by the enemy, they brought them all out but two, which were sunk, and I am happy to say without a man being hurt. The following day I sent the boats, under the direction of Lieutenant Reid, to land and endeavour to spike and dismount the guns, which they effected without loss, and the enemy had, on our first appearance, taken the sails of the vessels away, and otherwise dismantled them. I set fire to them all but the brig, three of which were French privateers, and the others their prizes, making in all 15, besides the brig.

In executing the service, I feel it but justice to the officers and ships company under my command, to express my approbation of their conduct and exertions, particularly those employed in the boats, which service was attended with much risk and fatigue, and executed with the greatest cheerfulness, spirit, and good judgment.

The brig belongs to Bremen, and was captured by one of the privateers a month before; she is laden very deep, and is a very valuable vessel.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) HUGH PIGOT.

Extract of a letter from Capt. FOWKE of his Majesty's sloop Swallow, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq.

Cape Nichola Mole, April 13.

We arrived here on the 11th of March. A few hours before our arrival, and about four leagues to the N. E. of this port, we fell in with and captured the Port-au-Paix, a small French privateer schooner, mounting two swivels, and carrying 17 men. She had been from Port-au-Paix four days, and had not taken any thing.

Extract of a letter to Rear-Admiral Sir PETER PARKER, at Portsmouth.

SIR,

Resolution, at sea, June 3.

I beg leave to acquaint you, that with his Majesty's brig under my command, I this day chased and captured Le Pichegru French brig privateer,