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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, July 11.

Extract of a letter from Admiral the Earl of St VINCENT, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels employed on the coast of Portugal, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board the Ville de Paris, off Cadiz, June 16. 1797.

SIR,

I DESIRE you will acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that Lieutenant Hardy, in the French Republican corvette La Mutine, cut out of the Bay of Santa Cruz, by the boats of his Majesty's ships Lively and La Minerve, has this moment joined.

The gallantry of this action, recited in the public and private letters of the Captains Hallowell and Cockburn, has prompted me to take the Mutine into his Majesty's service, and to appoint Lieutenant Hardy to the command of her; a measure so necessary to encourage a continuance of daring enterprise, I am confident will merit the approbation of their Lordships.

Lively, off S. W. end of Teneriffe, May 31. 1797.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that on standing into the Bay of Santa Cruz, in the island of Teneriffe, on the afternoon of the 28th, in company with La Minerve, I discovered an armed brig lying in the road, which, on our nearer approach, hoisted French colours. Captain Cockburn agreeing with myself in opinion that she might be taken from her anchors, I ordered all the boats of the two ships, with a lieutenant in each, the next night to bring her out, Lieutenant Hardy, of La Minerve, being the senior officer, the command fell on him. At about half past two in the afternoon he made a most resolute attack, in which he was gallantly supported by Lieutenants Bland, Hopkins, and Busby, and Lieutenant Bulkley of the marines in the Lively's boat, and Lieutenants Gage and Maling in La Minerve's boats, and under a smart fire of musquetry from the brig, boarded and carried her almost immediately. This gave an alarm to the town, and a heavy fire of artillery and musquetry was opened from every part of the garrison, and from a large ship lying in the road immediately, which continued without intermission for near an hour, during which time they were very much exposed in getting the brig under weigh, and towing her out, there being very little wind, and a little

before four o'clock they had got out of reach of the batteries, with La Mutine French National corvette, of twelve six-pounders and two thirty-six pounder carronades, and one hundred and thirty-five men, one hundred and thirteen of whom were on board at the time, commanded by Citizen Xavier Paumier, Capitain de frigate.—She sailed from Brest on the 8th for L'Isle de France, and had put into the Bay of Santa Cruz, three days before she was captured, to take in water. The Captain was on shore at the time she was cut out.

Lieutenant Hardy having commanded the boats on this expedition, I have sent him in with the prize, and cannot recommend him, or the officers or seamen employed on that service with him, in too strong terms. Inclosed is a list of the wounded belonging to both ships.

I have the honour to be, &c.

BENJAMIN HALLOWELL.

List of the Petty Officers and Seamen belonging to his Majesty's ship Lively, who were wounded on the 29th of May, in taking La Mutine French National corvette, so as to render them incapable of doing their duty for the present.

Mr Ralph Standish, Master's Mate; William Allen, Quarter-master; Peter Lawrence, and Glenville Newberry, seamen.

Return of Officers and men belonging to his Majesty's ship Minerve, wounded on the 29th of May, 1797, taking the national brig La Mutine.

Lieutenant Hardy.

Warrant Officer—Mr J. Coulson; Gunner.

Petty Officers—Mr Fagar, Midshipman; Mr Carpenter, ditto, dangerously; Matthew Vessey, Gunner's Mate; David Lewis, Second Master's Mate; Robert Sloper, Coxswain.

Seamen—Anthony Hull, dangerously.

Soldiers of the 11th Regiment—James Dunlap, Corporal; John Milton, Private; Samuel Clark, ditto.—Total 11.

GEORGE COCKBURN.

Copy of a letter from Admiral the Earl of St VINCENT, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels employed on the coast of Portugal, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board his Majesty's ship Ville de Paris, off Cadiz, June 15. 1797.

I enclose for the information of the Lords Commissioners

[Price Sixpence.]

