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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *Aug. 26.*

Extract of a letter from Captain JOHN MATTHEWS, Commander of his Majesty's ship Maidstone, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, the 28th of June 1797.

I Beg leave to acquaint you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I arrived in this bay on the 26th instant, after a long and very tedious passage of fifty-three days, from Princes, with all the convoy under my charge, and a privateer brig of 12 guns and 104 men, called the Flibustier, commanded by Antoine Fuet, with a national commission signed by Victor Hugue, which vessel I captured on the evening of the 24th instant, about ninety leagues to the windward of Barbadoes. Another privateer hovered upon the rear of the convoy the night before my arrival, but we lost sight of her almost as soon as discovered. The vessel is English built, sails remarkably well, and has very much annoyed the trade to Barbadoes; the capture of her, therefore, has given me a very sensible pleasure, and afforded much satisfaction to the merchants.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *Aug. 26.*

Copy of a letter from Capt. A. S. BURROWS, Commander of his Majesty's ship Roebuck, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Roebuck, Barbadoes, the 7th of July 1797.

SIR,

As it is uncertain how soon I may have an opportunity of communicating with the Commander in Chief on this station, I beg leave to transmit the following extract from my letter to him, of this date, for the information of my Lords Commissioners.—I am, &c.

Roebuck, Barbadoes, July 7.

Yesterday morning we saw a sloop, about twenty leagues to windward of the island, which, after a chase

of nine hours, we had the good fortune to capture, about seven leagues due north from this. She proves to be Le Batave, of 12 guns and 54 men, Citizen Jean Boze, Commander, belonging to the Dutch Republic, and fitted at Curacoa; she had been out five weeks, but had not made a capture, and, when we took her, had on board provisions and stores for three months: Her ill success surprizes me much, as she is the fastest sailer of her kind I ever met with.

(Signed) A. S. BURROWS.

WHITEHALL, *Aug. 26.*

The King has been pleased to appoint George Isted, of the Middle Temple, Esq. agent on behalf of the public for the affairs of the island of Cape Breton.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *Aug. 26.*

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to appoint James Ker, Esq. Barrister at Law, to be Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty for Lower Canada.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF SUGAR,

Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 23d day of August 1797;

is Sixty-two Shillings and Nine Pence Farthing

per Hundred Weight,

Exclusive of the Duty of Customs paid or payable thereon, on the Importation thereof into Great Britain.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF SUGAR,

Computed from the Returns of the Quantities and Prices made during the Six Weeks preceding the 23d day of August instant, and taken in the manner directed by an act of Parliament made and passed in the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for regulating the allowance of the Drawback and payment of the Bounty on the Exportation of

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