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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Nov. 25.

Extract of a letter from Vice-Admiral Sir HYDE PARKER, Knt. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Jamaica, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Queen, Cape Nicola Mole, Oct. 8. 1797.

His Majesty's sloop *Albacore* arrived here last night, with a privateer schooner of 3 guns, called the *Nantaise*, copper-bottomed.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a return of the number of armed vessels taken and destroyed since my last.

One small barge of 1 gun, captured by his Majesty's ship *Thames*.

One schooner privateer of 2 guns, 14 musquets and 30 men; 3 other small boats sent in, and 10 destroyed by the *Drake*.

One schooner privateer of 1 gun and 20 men, captured and brought in by the *Aquilon*.

Two armed barges, captured and brought in by the *Rattler*.  
La *Trompeuse* French schooner privateer of 12 guns and 78 men, sunk by his Majesty's brig *Pelican*.

A Spanish packet of 6 guns, with troops on board, captured by the *Diligence*, in company with the *Renommée* and *Hermione*.

A copper-bottomed schooner privateer, of 3 guns and 56 men, captured and brought in by the *Albacore*.

One row-boat privateer, armed with swivels and musquetry, captured by the *Albacore*.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Nov. 25.

Extract of another letter from Vice-Admiral Sir HYDE PARKER, Knt. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Oct. 6. 1797.

I beg you will be pleased to inform their Lordships, that, Capt. Gascoyne being ill of a fever, I put Lieut. White, of the *Queen*, into his Majesty's brig *Pelican*, to command her during the Captain's illness.

On the 17th of last month Lieut. White had the good fortune to fall in with the *Trompeuse* French privateer brig. His spirited conduct and officer-like management, I am sure, will be as strongly impressed on their Lordships' minds, by his account of the action,

herewith inclosed, as it was on mine, in giving him credit for both.

SIR,

*Pelican*, at sea, Sept. 17. 1797.

I have the honour to inform you, that at thirty minutes past seven A. M. we discovered a brig bearing N. N. W. (Cape Nicholas S. by W. half W.) standing towards us, with the larboard tacks on board. As she appeared to be a vessel of force, I immediately made all sail towards her, the wind being east. At forty-five minutes past eight, she having shewn French colours, we opened our fire on her in crossing, then wore round her stern, and kept up a continued and well-directed fire until twenty minutes after nine, when she made all sail from us, with the larboard tacks. Unfortunately we could not immediately make all sail after her, as our running rigging was much cut; but as soon as it was repaired, every exertion was made to get alongside of her a second time, which was effected at forty-five minutes after twelve, when we opened our fire on her, which was so well directed, that at ten minutes past one she blew up abaft, and struck her colours. At fifteen minutes after one she went down by the head, and was totally lost. Upon which we immediately hoisted out our boats, and fortunately saved the lives of 60 of her crew, by whom we learn she was the *Trompeuse* French privateer brig, mounting 12 six-pounders, and 78 men on board: She had been out eleven days, but had only taken one prize.

I feel myself greatly indebted to Captain Perkins, of the *Drake*, whom I discovered in shore of us, for using every exertion to work to windward, and cut her off from Jean Rebel, as soon as I made the private signal to him, and that of the chace being an enemy.

Permit me to observe, that great praise is due to Lieutenants Ward and Usher, and Mr. McClearty

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