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**C**OPIES and extracts from letters received by Vice Admiral Rainer from the several Captains and Commanders of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the East Indies, from the 25th October 1799, to the 28th September 1800, with accounts of their respective captures, &c.

Copy of a Letter from Captain WM. HILLS, of his Majesty's Ship Orpheus, dated La Copong; the Straights of Banca, the 25th Oct. 1799.

S I R,

I HAVE the pleasure to inform you, that on my passage from Ternate to the Straights of Banca, I yesterday discovered two sail off Tagolanda, which I chased at one P. M. At three it fell calm, all the boats were hoisted out to tow the ship, and every exertion made to get up with them. On a breeze springing up at five o'clock, we cast off all our boats, but was not able to get alongside of them until a quarter before nine o'clock, when we brought them to a close action on each bow, which continued about a quarter of an hour, when they both struck their colours. They proved the Zeevraght and Zeelast, the one a brig and the other a large panchallang, each mounting 22 guns of different calibres, from Macassar, loaded with rice, powder, shot, gun carriages, and stores from Ternate. The vessels both belong to the Dutch East India Company.

During the action I lost one of my best seamen, killed in the maintop, and five wounded, among the latter is the first Lieutenant Hodgkins, who received a musquet ball through his right arm; his conduct on this, as on every o-

ther occasion, has given me that satisfaction that warrants my recommending him to your notice and attention. I had great pleasure in observing the zeal of all the officers and men on this occasion, as I have done several times since my arrival at these Islands, which justly entitled them to my thanks.

Enclosed I send you a list of the killed and wounded on board the Dutch vessels.

I have, &c.

WILLIAM HILLS.

P. Rainier, Esq. Vice-Admiral  
of the Blue, &c. &c. East  
Indies.

*List of Killed and Wounded on board the under-mentioned Vessels, captured by his Majesty's ship Orpheus, Wm. Hills, Esq. Captain, the 25th Oct. 1799.*

Panchallang Zeelast, Captain Pieter Jansen.—Number on board at the time of action, 42; 1 killed.

Brig Zeevraght, Captain Pierre Meuse.—Number on board at the time of action, 33; 6 killed; Captain Meuse, and 6 seamen, wounded.

W. HILLS.

Extract of a Letter from Captain GEORGE ASTLE, of his Majesty's ship La Virginie, dated Amboyna, the 20th May 1800, to Vice-Admiral RAINIER, Commander in Chief, &c.

I BEG leave to acquaint you, that I arrived here on 6th May.

I enclose a list of vessels captured on my passage, which are arrived at Amboyna.

*A List of Vessels captured by Captain Astle, of his Majesty's ship La Virginie, on his passage to Amboyna, between the 22d March and 26th April 1800.*

A Dutch prow, mounting four swivels, small arms, &c. manned with sixteen men, laden with sundries, out three days, from Macassar bound to Sambauwa; captured 22d March, in lat. 6 deg. 5 min. S. long. 117 deg. 25 min. E.

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A Dutch prow, mounting two brass swivels, small arms, &c. manned with fifteen men, laden with sundries, six days from Macassar, bound to Sambauwa; captured 26th March, in lat. 5 deg. 51 min. S. long 118 deg. 25 min. E.

A Dutch prow, manned with fourteen men, laden with sundries, eight days from Macassar, bound to Sambauwa; captured 29th March, in lat. 5 deg. 29 min. S. long. 118 deg. 46 min. E.

On the 26th April, in lat. 1 deg. 10 min. S. long. 126 deg. 25 min. E. fell in with and captured the following vessels, under Dutch colours, from the island of Java, bound to Ternate, viz.

Vrouw Helena, (ship,) mounting eight six-pound carriage guns and four swivels, manned with forty men.

Brig Helena, mounting twelve six-pound guns, manned with twenty men.

Brig Braack, mounting ten four-pound guns, manned with twelve men.

The Three latter vessels laden with Annual supplies for the garrison on the island of Ternate, and had on board, exclusive of their cargoes, specie to the amount of seventeen thousand nine hundred and forty-three Spanish dollars.

Extract of a Letter from Captain E. O. OSBORNE of his Majesty's ship Arrogant, to Vice Admiral RAINIER, Commander in Chief, &c. dated on board his Majesty's ship Arrogant, at sea, the 26th of June 1800.

THE difficulty of getting water at Anjer Point, induced me to proceed to Mew Bay, where I arrived with the Orpheus, the 5th May.

The 7th of May we captured a small ship, from the Isle of France, in Ballast, which was burnt.

May 16th, sailed with the Arrogant and Orpheus, from Mew Bay, and passing to the northward of the islands off Batavia, made the Land of Java, 16th May, near Point Indramago, and