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Extract of a Letter from Captain George Montagu, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Pearl, to Mr. Stephens, dated at Spithead, September 28, 1779.

ON the 11th of September, being near the Western Islands, and in Want of Water, I put into Fayal, and having got on Board 26 Tons, sailed the 13th.

On the 14th, at Six in the Morning, I gave Chace to a Ship in the N. W. Quarter, and, at Half past Nine, brought her to Action, which continued until Half past Eleven, when she struck to His Majesty's Ship under my Command; Corvo distant Six Leagues. She proved to be a Spanish Frigate of 26 Twelve Pounders on her Main Deck, and 2 Four Pounders on her Forecastle, with 271 Men, called the Santa Ammonica. The Pearl had 12 Men killed, and 19 wounded, (two of whom are since dead). The Spanish Frigate had 38 killed, and 45 wounded.

I cannot sufficiently express my Approbation of the spirited Behaviour of the Officers and Ship's Company of the Pearl.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at Jamaica, to Mr. Stephens, dated on Board the Ruby in Port Royal Harbour, July 26, 1779. Received September 29.

HIS Majesty's Ship the Lion arrived here the 20th instant, almost a Wreck, having suffered very considerably in an Engagement, the 6th instant, off Grenada, between the English and French Fleets.

I think it but Justice to Captain Cornwallis to assure their Lordships, that, from the distressed Situation of the Lion, she could not possibly rejoin Vice-Admiral Byron: The gallant Behaviour of Captain Cornwallis during the Action, and the unwearied Pains taken by him afterwards to attack a Ship of equal Force, [this proved to be the Monmouth, of 64 Guns] supposed to be one of the French Squadron, are worthy of Commendation.

Herewith you will receive a List of Prizes taken since last Account.

List of Vessels taken by His Majesty's Squadron under the Command of Sir Peter Parker, Knt. Vice Admiral of the Blue, and Commander in Chief at Jamaica, &c. &c. between the 9th of March and the 26th of July, 1779.

1779. March 10. By the Ruby and Squadron. Schooner Basto, Charles Dekay Master, 30 Tons, 7 Men, 4 Guns, from Virginia to Cape Francois, laden with Tobacco.

March 18. By Ditto. Brig L'Harmonie, Philip Garelly Master, Rabot and Solier of Marseilles Owners, 180 Tons, 25 Men, 10 Guns, taken Six Leagues from Monte Christie, from Mar-

seilles to Capè Francois, with Wine, Flour, Oil, Soaps, Claret, Earthen Ware, Candles, &c.

April 2. By the Camel. Ship L'Hirondelle, Matthew Lupagerie Master, Manneau of Port au Prince Owner, 150 Tons, 16 Men, 4 Guns; taken off Cape Antonio in Cuba, from Port au Prince to Baltimore in America, with Sugar, Coffee, Taffia, Melasses, and Salt.

April 4. By Ditto. Sloop Fanny, William Maseri Master, Welcome Arnold of Providence, Rhode Island, Owner, 55 Tons, 5 Men, taken Five Leagues from Capè Francois, from Coxet in Massachusetts Bay to Cape Francois, with Lumber, Fish and Oil.

April 13. By the Winchelsea, Niger, Pomona, Emerald, Hornet, &c. Snow St. Trope, Cayetan Angellard Master, M. L'Engage of Marseilles Owner, taken 70 Leagues from the Continent of North America; from Marseilles to Edington in North America, with Salt and other Merchandise.

April 19. By the Niger, Winchelsea and Pomona. Sloop La l'heresa, Oliver Daniel Master, Lone; Plumbrad and Co. Owners, 70 Tons, 30 Men; from Philadelphia to Capè Francois, with Provisions.

April 22. By Ditto. Schooner Union, Leonard Carver Master, — Hughes of North Carolina Owner, 60 Tons, 11 Men, from Edington in North Carolina to Santa Cruz, with Staves and Tobacco.

April 28. By the Badger. Sloop Le Prudent, Pedro Guinard Master, Esprit Lionteau, Joseph Anglis, and Augustine Favre, Natives of the Province; and naturalized Subjects of Spain residing at New Orleans, Owners, 80 Tons, 9 Men, taken off Cuba, 6 Leagues from St. Jago, from Capè Francois to New Orleans, with Sugar, Coffee, Taffia, Liquors, and Dry Goods.

May 9. By the Niger, Winchelsea and Pomona. Brig Lord Clare, Nathaniel Braley Master, Botsinger, Foster and John Brown of Bolton Owners, taken off the East End of Hispaniola, seven Leagues from Capè Francois, from Boston to Capè Francois, with Lumber and Fish.

May 25. By the Ruby, Niger, Lowestoffe, and Bristol. Sloop, Name unknown, taken in Sight of Capè Francois, with Rice and Tobacco;

May 26. By Ditto. Schooner Liberty, John Card Master, George Randall, Benjamin Belch, and Joseph Brown, of York in York County, Massachusetts, Owners, 95 Tons, 6 Men, from York to Capè Francois, with Lumber and Fish.

June 2. By the Eclair, Ruby and Jamaica. La Prudente, Frigate of 36 Guns, Le Vicomte D'Esclar Commander, taken three Leagues from St. Marc on the North Side of Hispaniola, on a Cruise.

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