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Admiralty-Office, October 3, 1780.

CAPTAIN Keppel, late of His Majesty's Ship *Vestal*, arrived at this Office on Sunday last, charged with Dispatches from Rear-Admiral Edwards; of which the following are Extracts.

Proteus, St. John's, Newfoundland, August 13, 1780.

ON the 3d of July, I fell in with and took an American Brig Letter of Marque, called the *Pallas*, of 14 Carriage Guns, and 50 Men, commanded by Hector M'Neal, from Newberry to Amsterdam, loaded with Bark, Indico, Furs, Cochineal, and a Quantity of Dye Woods.

On the 9th, I fell in with the Ship *Hervey*, belonging to the Quebec Fleet, which sailed under Convoy of the *Danae* and *Pandora*; I brought her into St. John's Harbour with me, and the *Cygnets* arriving the 16th, with Six Sail more of the same Convoy, who had parted with the *Danae* and *Pandora*, and Thirteen Sail a few Days before upon the Banks, I directed Captain Keppel in the *Vestal*, and Captain Stanhope in the *Prepassey*, to convoy them as far as Cape Rozier, and see them safe into the River St. Laurence; and on the 18th they sailed. One of those which the *Cygnets* brought in (the *Brig Thetis*) had been taken by the *Essex*, an American Privateer, and retaken by the Ship *Argo*.

The *Fairy* arrived here the 8th of May; the *Vestal* the 2d, and *Oiseau* the 11th of July, without losing any of their Convoys. The *Maidstone* has been a Cruize upon the Banks since her Arrival, which was the 2d of June; and, on the 29th of last Month, returned with an American Schooner loaded with Eighty-seven Hogheads of Tobacco. The *Coureur*, I am sorry to acquaint their Lordships, was taken by Two American Privateers, of 14 Guns each, on the 21st of June.

I have the Pleasure to inform them Captain Berkeley retook Lieutenant Major, and 30 of the *Coureur's* Men, the next Day, in one of the Privateers called the *Griffin*, of 14 Carriage Guns, and 65 Men, and brought them safe, with the Privateer, into this Harbour. He also took (after a Chace of Forty-one Hours, and brought in here the 12th of June, an American Privateer Brig called the *Wilkes*, of 14 Carriage Guns, and 75 Men. Captain Baskerville in the *Cygnets* took an American Privateer Brig called the *Spitfire*, of 12 Guns, and 53 Men, the 15th of May; and another the 9th of June, called the *Tyger*, of 12 Guns and 36 Men. And on the 23d the *Maidstone* and *Cygnets* took a Brig called the *Saratoga*, of 12 Guns and 41 Men, all which were brought safe into this Harbour. And here I must beg Leave to express my Approbation of the Conduct of the Officers and Men upon the above Occasions, particularly of the Honourable Captain Berkeley, whose Alacrity in getting the *Fairy* ready, when Intelligence was received, that the *Coureur* was blocked up in Bonavita Harbour by two American Privateers; is spoken highly of; and had well nigh been attended with the greatest Success.

I have the Satisfaction to inform their Lordships, that not one English Vessel has been taken, or the least Depredation committed, upon any Part of Newfoundland, since my Arrival. I am, &c.

R. EDWARDS.

Proteus, St. John's, Newfoundland, September 16, 1780.

IN Addition to my Letter of the 13th of August, you will please to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I received a Letter the 13th of August, dated at St. Peter's the 6th, from Captain Berkeley, informing me, that His Majesty's Ship *Hind* had come down from Quebec, in consequence of the *Wolfe* Armed Ship being cast away upon the S. W. Part of this Island. She had taken two Privateers, (one called the *Harlequin*, and the other the *Macaroni*) and every Thing being saved out of the *Wolfe*, sailed for Quebec again the Day before. The Troops were all arrived safe, when she left that Place.

On the 23d the *Surprize* arrived from a Cruize. In her Way to Halifax she retook the *Margaret Christiana*, who had been taken on her Passage to Quebec by the *Essex* American Privateer.

On the 28th the *Mercury* returned from the Banks. She retook the Ship *Elizabeth* of Renew's on the 19th, who had been taken by the *Dean*, an American Privateer of 32 Guns, a few Days before.

On the 30th the *Placentia* Brig arrived, having on the 28th retook a Shallop, loaded with Fish, that had been taken by the *Phoenix*, an American Privateer Brig of 16 Guns and 60 Men.

The 1st Instant the Ship *Fanny* of Baltimore, loaded with Tobacco and Staves, arrived here, having been taken by the *Portland* on the 23d of last Month.

On the 10th the *Vestal* sent in the Brig *Relief* from Maryland for Amsterdam, with Ninety-nine Hogheads of Tobacco, taken the 24th of August.

On the 12th Captain Keppel in the *Vestal*, and Captain Berkeley in the *Fairy* arrived with the *Phoenix* Privateer, of 16 Guns and 60 Men, taken by them the 10th, and the *Mercury* Packet from Philadelphia, on board of which was the Honourable Henry Laurens, Esq; late President of the Congress in America, bound on an Embassy to Holland.

Enclosed I have sent a List of Prizes taken; and am, &c.

R. EDWARDS.

Names, &c. of Ships and Vessels taken by His Majesty's Squadron under the Command of Rear-Admiral Edwards, at Newfoundland.

- 1780, May 5. By the *Cygnets* Sloop, Brig *Spitfire*, (Privateer) belonging to Marblehead, 80 Tons, 12 Guns, 53 Men.
- June 8. By Ditto, Brig *Tyger*, (Privateer) belonging to Salem, 80 Tons, 12 Guns, 36 Men.
- June 11. By the *Fairy* Sloop, Brig *Wilks*, (Privateer) belonging to Gloucester, 140 Tons, 14 Guns, 65 Men.
- June 20. By Ditto, Brig *Griffin*, (Privateer) belonging to Salem, 100 Tons, 14 Guns, 49 Men.
- June 23. By the *Maidstone* and *Cygnets*, Brig *Saratoga*, (Privateer) belonging to Salem, 120 Tons, 12 Guns, 41 Men.
- July 3. By the *Portland*, Brig *Pallas*, belonging to Newberry, laden with Indigo, Furs, Bark, and Dye wood, for Holland, 140 Tons, 14 Guns, 43 Men.
- July 24. By the *Cygnets*, Brig *Thetis*, (Recapture) belonging to Stockton in England, laden with Rum,

