

ly, Captain John Barrett, commanding His Majesty's Ship Experiment, who was stationed at the Mouth of the Carenage to co-operate with the Garrison, at the Desire of General Stewart, embarked the Whole in his own Ship and a Transport, to the Amount of 1200, between the Hours of Twelve at Night and Five in the Morning, and got them safe out of Gun-Shot, except some Sick and some Women, who were too distantly situated to benefit by his Endeavours for them. The latter were, however, sent over to us the next Day.

*St. Pierre's, Martinique, June 26, 1795.*

SINCE my Letter of the 23d Instant, His Majesty's Brig the Drake has arrived, whose Commander parted from the West India Convoy in Lat. 42. 52. North, and Long. 11. 47. West, in a very hard Gale of Wind, which he thinks must have greatly dispersed the Whole.

Since the Drake left Barbadoes, I have received a Letter from Governor Ricketts, informing me of the Arrival at that Island of a Part thereof, and of the Capture of some, a List of which I inclose. I am hastening forward Two Frigates, One of which I will send with all possible Dispatch to Windward of Defeada, and the other off Bartholomew's, where the Enemy send most of their Prizes, to recover as many of the Captures as may be.

*List of Vessels captured.*

Blenheim, with Troops.  
Betsey, Ditto.  
Hambury, with Government Stores.  
Aurora, Merchantman.  
Vintress, Ditto.  
Montserrat, Packet.

*St. Pierre's, Martinique, June 30, 1795.*

THE Packet which came here Yesterday, brought me a Letter from Captain Charles John Moore Mansfield, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Andromache, who is arrived at Barbadoes, acquainting me that about 40 Sail of the Convoy have reached that Island. He confirms the Account of the Captures made by the Enemy, of which a List is inclosed, in my Letter of the 26th Instant.

The Matilda Frigate, which I had stationed off Basseterre, Guadaloupe, returned to me Yesterday. Her Commander informed me that he had, on the 28th, fallen in with Nine Sail of Ships going into that Port, Three of which were large Frigates, and chased him off. These must be the same that have been cruising to Windward of Barbadoes, with the Prizes they have made.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Caldwell, late Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, to Mr. Nepean, dated at Spithead the 29th of July, 1795.*

Captain Otway, of His Majesty's Sloop Thorn, informed me, that, on the 25th of May, he captured a French Ship of War called the Courier National, of 18 Nine and Six Pounders, and 119 Men. That on his coming up with her he immediately laid her on Board, and, after an Action of Thirty-five Minutes, (during which Two Attempts were made to board the Thorn) the Enemy struck. The Thorn had only 5 Men wounded, and the French Ship 7 killed and 20 wounded. From Captain Otway's Report too much Praise cannot be

given to his Officers and Sloop's Company for their spirited Conduct.

Rear-Admiral Thompson returned to Martinique on the 13th of June, after seeing the Convoy in Safety to 24 Deg. 8 Min. North, and on his Way back captured the Perdrix, a French Ship of War of 24 Guns.

*Admiralty-Office, August 4.*

A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, was Yesterday received from Admiral Hotham, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean.

*Britannia, Myrtillo Bay, June 30, 1795.*

S I R,

IT is with peculiar Satisfaction I transmit to you, for their Lordships Information, the inclosed Letter, which I received this Evening by the Fox Cutter, from Captain Towry, of His Majesty's Ship the Dido, giving an Account of a most gallant and spirited Action, which took place on the 24th Instant, between that Frigate, in Company with the Lowestoffe, Captain Middleton, on their Way to reconnoitre off the Hieres Islands, and the Two French Frigates named in the Margin\*, the Termination of which Contest by the Capture of La Minerve, when the great Superiority of the Enemy's Force is considered, reflects the highest Honour on the Captains, Officers and Crews of the Dido and Lowestoffe.

I am, &c.

WM. HOTHAM.

*Evan Nepean, Esq;*

*Dido, Port Mabon, June 27, 1795.*

S I R,

THIS Day dispatch the Fox Cutter to communicate to you, that, in the Execution of your Instructions of the 22d Instant, with His Majesty's Ship Lowestoffe under my Orders, being, at Daylight of the 24th, in Latitude 41 Deg. 8 Min. and Longitude 5 Deg. 30 Min. E. we discovered and chased Two French Frigates; after some manœuvring they stood towards us, and, at a Quarter before Nine, A. M. the Dido, leading down, commenced a close Action with the headmost of the Enemy's Ships, which falling twice on Board, was at an early Period much disabled from the Loss of her Bowprit, Foremast, and Main-top-Mast; our Mizzen-mast being shot away, Fore and Main-top-sails perfectly useless, we no longer kept to, at which Time the Lowestoffe opened a well-directed Fire; the Enemy's second Frigate then passing, and exchanging the opposite Broadides, His Majesty's Ships were kept on the same Tack till she went about, when fearing she might stand to the Assistance of the dismantled Ship, the Lowestoffe was sent in Chase; the French Frigate escaped by superior Sailing, leaving her Friend to be raked, in a very judicious Manner, on the Return of the Lowestoffe, to whose Fire she surrendered about Noon. The Dido having cleared the Wreck of the Mizzen-mast, and bent new Top-sails, joined in securing the Prize, La Minerve, a new Ship, of 42 Guns, Eighteen-Pounders, on the Main Deck, and 330 Men, a remarkably fast sailer. Her Companion we learnt to be L'Artemise, of 36 Guns.

Having given a Detail of the Action, it becomes as much my Duty as it is my Inclination to acknowledge the very able Support of His Majesty's Ship Lowestoffe, and to testify, that by Captain Middle-

\* La Minerve, L'Artemise.