

General Rigaud, the Commander in Chief Aux Cayes, expedited her, and flattered himself that she would evade the Scrutiny of the British Cruizers. A Midshipman belonging to the Hindostan, who had been taken Prisoner some Months ago, and Six Seamen, were compelled to embark on Board her, to carry the Appearance of her being a Flag of Truce.

I have the Honor to be,

S I R,
Your most obedient,
Humble Servant,
H. RICKETTS.

To Sir Hyde Parker, *Knt. Vice-Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief, &c.*

A Copy.
H. Parker.

La Magicienne, off Jacamel, St. Domingo, December 4, 1796.

S I R,
I Have the Honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter from Captain Cook, Commander of the King's Ship Quebec, giving an Account of his having captured Yesterday L'Africaine French Corvette, of 18 Guns.

I have the Honor to be,
S I R,
Your obedient humble Servant,
H. RICKETTS.

To Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, *Knt. Commander in Chief, &c. &c.*

A Copy.
H. Parker.

Quebec, off Cape Jacamel, St. Domingo, December 3, 1796.

S I R,
I Have the Pleasure to inform you, that Yesterday Morning, at Day-break, we discovered a Ship in the South-West, which at first we supposed to be the Magicienne, but as it became lighter I was soon convinced, from her Appearance, she was an Enemy, and gave Chace to her.

It being very light Winds, we did not get within Shot of her till near Noon, when, on firing a few Chace Guns, she struck her Colours; and proved to be L'Africaine French Corvette, of 18 Guns and 99 Men, commanded by Monf. Scray, Enseigne de Vaisseaux; was Twenty-two Days from Aux Cayes, but had only retaken one of our Prizes.

I am, Sir,
Your very obedient Servant,
JOHN COOK.

To Henry Ricketts, *Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Magicienne.*

A Copy.
H. Parker.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed at Jamaica and St. Domingo, to Mr. Nejean, Secretary to the Admiralty, dated the 27th of December, 1796.

ON the 10th Instant the Resource and Mermaid arrived from Windward at Jamaica; in their Passage down, off the East End of St. Domingo, they took the General Leveau, French Brig Corvette, of

Sixteen Guns, and Eighty Men, which sailed from South Carolina Sixteen Days before; also off Allavelle, the South Side of Domingo, they took a Dutch Brig and Spanish Schooner, the former having on Board several Thousand Dollars, and a valuable Cargo of Dry Goods, the latter laden with Raw Hides.

Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, S I R, January 18, 1797.

ENCLOSED is an Account of Spanish Vessels detained, and an Account of Vessels recaptured by His Majesty's Ships and Vessels respectively expressed against their Names.

I am, &c.
HENRY HARVEY.

Evan Nejean, Esq;

An Account of Spanish Vessels, detained (by Admiralty Order, being Spanish Property) by His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under the Command of Henry Harvey, Esq; Rear Admiral of the Red, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. Leeward Islands.

Schooner Pastora, laden with Oxen, Hides and Cocoa, sent in by the Bull-Dog.
Sloop Maria Manuel, laden with Cattle, sent in by the George Armed Sloop.
Launch Delbarmen, laden with Mules, sent in by the Alarm.
Schooner Flora, laden with Sundries, sent in by the Alarm.
Sloop Prince of Asturias, in Ballast, sent in by the Alarm.
Launch Rosaria, laden with 900 Dollars and some Hogs, sent in by the Alarm.
Launch San Joseph de Arminas, laden with Corn, sent in by the Alarm.
Launch Del Carman, laden with Mules, sent in by the Alarm.
Sloop San Nicholas, in Ballast, sent in by the Alarm.
Launch Rosario, laden with Mules, sent in by the Alarm.
Launch Del Carmen, laden with Corn, sent in by the Alarm.
Ship Anna Maria, laden with Dry Goods, sent in by the Fury.

(Signed) HENRY HARVEY.

An Account of Vessels recaptured by His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under the Command of Rear-Admiral Harvey, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. Leeward Island Station.

Ship Britannia, in Ballast, sent in by the Bull Dog, recaptured, having been taken by a French Privateer.
Brig Lady Mary Fitzmaurice, laden with Merchandize, sent in by the Lapwing, recaptured, having been taken by a French Privateer.
Sloop Ferdinand, laden with Merchandize, sent in by the Lapwing, recaptured, having been taken by a French Privateer.
Schooner Syren, laden with Sugar and Cotton, sent in by the Ariadne, Part of the Cargo condemned as a lawful Prize.
Schooner L'Alexandre, laden with Warlike Stores, sent in by the Ariadne, condemned as a lawful Prize.

Guinea