

Guinea Ship Helen, laden with Slaves, &c. sent in by the Vengeance's Tender, captured the 7th of December, 1796, by the Scipion French Corvette.

Ship Aspinall, laden with Slaves, sent in by L'Aimable, recaptured.

Ship Thomas, laden with Sugar, Coffee and Mahogany, sent in by the Invincible, recaptured.

HENRY HARVEY.

*Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay,  
January 18, 1797.*

S I R,

I AM to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that His Majesty's Ship Lapwing, commanded by Captain Barton, on the 28th of last Month, captured off Montserrat a French Privateer, called the Maria Topazc, of Ten Guns (Six of which she threw overboard when chased) and Sixty-four Men, belonging to Guadaloupe: She had failed the Day before from St. Eustatia on a Cruize.

I am, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

*Evan Nepean, Esq.*

*Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, January 18, 1797.*

S I R,

BE pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that Captain Fellowes, in His Majesty's Ship Alarm, being on a Cruize off Grenada, fell in, on the 23d of November last, with a Spanish Brigantine Corvette, called the Galgo, carrying Eighteen Six-Pounders, Six Swivels, and 124 Men, commanded by Don Barber, from Porto Rico, bound to Trinidad, having on Board 80,355 Dollars and some Provisions for the Government of that Island, which he captured, and carried into Grenada.

I am, &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

*Evan Nepean, Esq.*

*Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique,  
January 25, 1797.*

S I R,

YOU will be pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that His Majesty's Ship Bellona, on the 7th Instant, captured a French Schooner Privateer called La Legere of Six Guns and Forty-eight Men, to Windward of Defeada, and, on the 10th Instant following, the Bellona and Babet drove a French Schooner Privateer on Shore on that Island, and, in attempting to get her off, by employing the former Privateer, both the Vessels were lost on the Rocks and destroyed; in which Service Lieutenant Hitt, of the Bellona, who had exerted himself with great Gallantry and good Conduct on the Occasion, was much wounded by the Fire of Musquetry from the Island. The Babet on the same Day chased a Brig, Prize to the latter Schooner, which ran on Shore at Defeada, and, not being able to get her off, she was burnt.

I have the Honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

HENRY HARVEY.

*Evan Nepean, Esq;*

*Prince of Wales, Trinidad  
February 21, 1797.*

S I R,

BE pleased to acquaint their Lordships that very few Vessels of the Enemy have been taken Possession of at the Surrender of this Island: What have been captured are chiefly small Craft of little or no

Value. Two Merchant Vessels and a French Privateer were set Fire to when the Ships of War were destroyed. The other Vessels at Port D'Espagne belong to Neutral Powers.

Some Naval Stores, consisting chiefly of small Cables, Cordage and Sailcloth, were found in the Magazines on Shore, which I shall cause to be embarked, and sent to Martinique.

I have the Honour to be, &c. &c. &c.

HENRY HARVEY.

*Evan Nepean, Esq.*

*Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde, Bart. commanding His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Cambridge, in Hamoaze, March 26, 1797.*

S I R,

ENCLOSED I send you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Captain Wittman, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Suffisante, whose Enterprize and Exertions I much approve of.

I am, &c.

J. ORDE.

*S I R, La Suffisante, March 26, 1797.*

IN Obedience to your Orders of the 22d Instant I proceeded, with His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, to cruize off the Start, and on the Morning following gave Chace to an Armed Brig, which led me to the Eastward as far as Peveral Point, with little Prospect of coming up with her, which induced me to relinquish the Pursuit. On my Way back to the Westward on Saturday Afternoon I chased and captured La Bonnapartie, a small Cutter Privateer, of Fourteen Guns, Three Days from St. Maloes, and had not made any Captures.

I have the Honour to be,

With Respect,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. WITTMAN.

*Rear-Admiral Sir John Orde, Bart.  
&c. &c. &c.*

*Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Harvey, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Leeward Islands, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Prince of Wales, Guib of Paria, Trinidad, February 21, 1797.*

I AM to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that His Majesty's Ship Lapwing on the 31st Ultimo captured off Barbuda, and sent into St. Christopher's, a French Privateer Schooner, belonging to Guadaloupe, called L'Espoir, mounting Four Guns and Ten Swivels, and having on Board Forty-eight Men.

You will likewise be pleased to inform their Lordships, that His Majesty's Ship Matilda, on the 13th Instant fell in with and captured, to Windward of Barbadoes, a French National Schooner, armed with Two Six-Pounders and some Swivels, and having on Board Thirty-eight Men, which Captain Millford sent into that Island.

*Whitehall, March 28, 1797.*

The King has been pleased to appoint the Honorable Andrew Cochran Johnstone to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Island of Dominica, in the room of Henry Hamilton, Esq; deceased.