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Admiralty-Office, August 26, 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Captain John Matthews, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Maidstone, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, the 28th of June, 1797.

I Beg Leave to acquaint you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I arrived in this Bay on the 26th Instant, after a long and very tedious Passage, of Fifty-three Days, from Princes, with all the Convoy under my Charge, and a Privateer Brig of 12 Guns and 104 Men, called the Flibustier, commanded by Antoine Fuet, with a National Commission signed by Victor Hugue, which Vessel I captured on the Evening of the 24th Instant, about Ninety Leagues to the Windward of Barbadoes. Another Privateer hovered upon the Rear of the Convoy the Night before my Arrival, but we lost Sight of her almost as soon as discovered. The Vessel is English built, sails remarkably well, and has very much annoyed the Trade to Barbadoes; the Capture of her, therefore, has given me a very sensible Pleasure, and afforded much Satisfaction to the Merchants.

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Copy of a Letter from Captain A. S. Burrows, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Roebuck, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Roebuck, Barbadoes, the 7th of July, 1797.

S I R,

AS it is uncertain how soon I may have an Opportunity of communicating with the Commander in Chief on this Station, I beg Leave to transmit the following Extract from my Letter to him, of this Date, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners.

I am, &c.

[Price Two Shillings.]

Roebuck, Barbadoes, July 7, 1797.

YESTERDAY Morning we saw a Sloop, about Twenty Leagues to Windward of the Island, which, after a Chace of Nine Hours, we had the good Fortune to capture, about Seven Leagues due North from this. She proves to be Le Batave, of 12 Guns and 54 Men, Citizen Jean Boze, Commander, belonging to the Dutch Republic, and fitted at Curacoa; she had been out Five Weeks, but had not made a Capture, and, when we took her, had on Board Provisions and Stores for Three Months: Her ill Success surprizes me much, as she is the fastest Sailer of her Kind I ever met with.

(Signed) A. S. BURROWS.

Whitehall, August 16, 1797.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Abraham Spooner, Esq; (Son and Heir Apparent of Isaac Spooner, of Elmton in the County of Warwick, Esq;) and to Elizabeth Mary-Agnes Lillingston, Spinster, only Child and Heir of Luke Lillingston, late of Ferriby Grainge in the County of York, Esq; deceased, his Royal Licence and Authority, that, immediately upon the Solemnization of their intended Marriage, they may, in Compliance with the Injunction contained in the last Will and Testament of the said Luke Lillingston, take and use the Surname and bear the Arms of Lillingston, and that the said Surname and Arms may be used and borne by their Issue; such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Heralds Office: And also to order that this His Majesty's said Concession and Declaration be registered in his College of Arms.

Whitehall, August 26, 1797.

The King has been pleased to appoint George Isted, of the Middle Temple, Esq; Agent on Behalf of the Public for the Affairs of the Island of Cape Breton.