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Admiralty-Office, April 2, 1798.

A Letter, of which the following is a Copy, from Captain Sir J. B. Warren, of His Majesty's Ship Canada, to Admiral Lord Bridport, K. B. Commander in Chief, &c. &c. has been received at this Office.

*Canada, Plymouth Sound,
March 30, 1798.*

My Lord,
I Beg Leave to inform your Lordship, that on the 22d Instant, at Seven A. M. the Anson having discovered a Sail in the East Quarter, which appeared a large Frigate, I made the Signal for a general Chace, and continued the Pursuit, with variable Winds, until Half past Twelve at Midnight, when Captain Stopford, in the Phaeton, brought her to Action. The Enemy endeavoured to escape into the River Garonne, but struck upon the Olive Rocks, near the Cordovan Light House; she was left by most of her Crew, who had previously thrown her Guns overboard. The Ship being bilged, and having otherwise suffered much, it is probable, from the Situation she remained in, it will not be easy to get her off.

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant,
JOHN WARREN.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knt. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica; to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board the Queen, in Port-Royal Harbour, the 6th of January, 1798.

S I R,

HAVING Yesterday received a Letter from Captain Ricketts, of His Majesty's Ship Magicienne, giving an Account of his having, with the Ships under his Command, attacked and captured the Vessels therein mentioned, in Guadilla Bay in the Island of Porto Rico, and under the Protection of the Enemy's Forts; I transmit herewith a Copy of the said Letter, for the Information of the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, who I am confident will with me highly approve of his gallant Conduct, as well as that of the Captains, Officers, Seamen and Marines under his Command.

I am, &c.
H. PARKER.

*La Magicienne, off the Isle of Zachu,
December 28, 1797.*

S I R,

HAVING received information that several Brigs and Schooners belonging to the Enemy were in Guadilla Bay in the Island of Porto Rico, I proceeded there, with the King's Ships named in the Margin *. On the 27th at Noon we anchored close abreast of the Forts; and, after an Hour and Half cannonading, captured every Vessel under their Protection.

To Captain Carthew I am indebted for the gallant and able Support that I on this Occasion met with, (as well as upon many others since the Regulus has been under my Orders.) Captain Mends, who commanded the Boats that took Possession of the Vessels, executed that Service much to his own Honor, and highly to my Approbation. Indeed every Officer and Man belonging to the Squadron is fully entitled to my best Thanks and Praises.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
W. H. RICKETTS.

La Magicienne, 5 wounded.
Regulus, None killed or wounded.
Diligence, 1 wounded.

Vessels captured in Guadilla Bay.

Le Brutus Privateer, of 9 Guns.
One Ship.
Three Brigs.
One Schooner.

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

Extract of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knt. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Queen, in Port Royal Harbour, the 1st of January, 1798.

I AM to desire you will be pleased to acquaint the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that since my Letter of the 29th of October, the French Corvette La Republique Triomphante, of 14 Guns and 110 Men, has been captured by His Majesty's Ships Severn and Pelican.

* La Magicienne, Regulus, Diligence.