

Majesty's Ship under my Command displayed the utmost Degree of Zeal, Alacrity, and gallant Spirit; Mr. Martin, (the First Lieutenant, an old and good Officer,) with Lieutenants Price, Ellison, and Hole, of the Marines, conducted themselves much to my Satisfaction, and I experienced very great Assistance from the steady good Conduct of Mr. Emory, the Matter.

As a very heavy Gale of Wind came on immediately after our boarding La Refolue, the Second Lieutenant, Mr. John Price, with Twenty-one Men, were all that could be thrown on board of her, with the Loss of our Two Cutters. That Officer deserves very great Credit for his active Exertion in clearing her of the Wreck of her Masts and Rigging, and in keeping Company in so violent a Storm; as our Object was to disable our Antagonist before her Consort could assist her. La Refolue had only Ten Men killed, and a great Number wounded; but I am inexpressibly happy to add, that in the Action of the 12th, we had only One Man wounded; and the Affair of the 13th did not deprive their Country of the Services of a single Man of the brave Crew of the Melampus.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.
GRAHAM MOORE.

Admiralty-Office, October 23, 1798.

Copy of a Letter from Rear Admiral Harvey, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, dated on board the Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, the 8th August, 1798.

SIR,

I AM to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that His Majesty's Armed Sloop Charlotte, commanded by Lieutenant John Williams, captured the 9th Ult. off Demerary River-De Esle Andeneming Dutch Privateer Schooner-belonging to Surinam, of Eight Guns and Thirty, eight Men, which he sent to Demerary. She was upon a Three Months' Cruize, had been out Nineteen Days, but made no Captures.

I have the Honor to be, &c.
HENRY HARVEY.

Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay,
Martinique, 8th Sept. 1798.

SIR,

I HAVE to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that since my Letter to you of the 10th February last, the Ships and Vessels of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command have recaptured Six British and Sixteen American Vessels, of different Denominations, bound to and from these Islands.

I have the Honor to be, &c.
HEN. HARVEY.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

Admiralty-Office, October 23, 1798.

Copy of another Letter from Rear-Admiral Harvey, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated on board the Prince of Wales, Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, 8th September 1798.

SIR,

I AM to acquaint you, for the Information of their Lordships, that since my Letter to you of the 8th Ultimo, His Majesty's Ships Concorde and

Lapwing have captured the undermentioned French Privateers (Schooners) belonging to Gaudaloupe:

La Buonaparte, of Eight Guns and Seventy-two Men:

L'Amazone, of Ten Guns and Eighty Men:

La Sauveur, of Four Guns and Twenty Men; and

La Fortune, of Two Guns and Twenty-two Men.

And the Lapwing captured, on the 12th Ult. the Invariable Schooner Letter of Marque, of Four Guns and Twenty Men, laden with Dry Goods; from St. Bartholomew's bound to Guadaloupe.

I have the Honor to be, &c.
HEN. HARVEY.

Whitehall, October 3, 1798.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the 14th Day of July last, a Letter containing Twenty-two Bills, to the Amount of 2340l. 14s. 7d. was put into the Post-Office at Manchester, by Mr. Josiah Richardson Saunders, of that Town, addressed to Messrs. Jones, Loyd, Hulme, and Co. Bankers, London; and no Account having been obtained of the said Letter or Bills:

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in secreting or destroying the same, is hereby pleased to offer His most gracious Pardon to any One of them (except the Person who actually so secreted or destroyed the said Letter and Bills) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended, and convicted thereof.

PORTLAND.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid on the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders, by

Josiah Richardson Saunders, of Manchester.

PERSONAL LEGACY DUTY.

Stamp-Office, Sept. 7, 1798.

WHEREAS by an Act passed on the 26th Day of April, in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it is Enacted, "That upon every Legacy, Specific or Pecuniary, of the Value of 20l. or more, given by any Will or Testamentary Instrument of any Person who shall die after the passing of the said Act, out of the Personal Estate of the Person so dying, and also upon the clear Residue of the Personal Estate of every Person who shall so die, whether Testate or Intestate, and leave Personal Estate of the clear Value of 100l. after deducting Debts, Funeral Expences, and other Charges; there shall be raised, levied, and collected, for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the several Duties, after the Rates, and in Manner therein particularly mentioned:"

AND WHEREAS HIS MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS FOR MANAGING THE STAMP DUTIES have Reason to believe that the Duties which have become payable under the said Act upon Legacies bequeathed, as well as upon the Residue of the Personal Estate and Effects of many Persons who have died since the said 26th Day of April, the Day of passing the said Act, have not been duly answered and paid, and proper Receipts or Discharges