

Admiralty-Office, February 16, 1799.

Extract of another Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Gibraltar, the 23d December, 1798.

SIR,

BY some Accident Captain Middleton's Relation of the gallant Action performed by the Boats of His Majesty's Ship *Flora*, commanded by the First Lieutenant (Russel) of that Ship, in cutting out the *Mondovi* French Corvette, from Cerigo, was not transmitted to you; it is now inclosed.

I am, &c. ST. VINCENT.

His Majesty's Ship Flora, off Cerigo, Archipelago, May 14, 1798.

HAVING chased a French National Brig into Cerigo, and finding it impracticable to follow in the Ship, from the narrow Entrance of the Harbour, and the commanding Situation of the Forts; on the Evening following I sent the Boats of His Majesty's Ship, under the Command of Lieutenant Russel, with Officers as per Margin *, who volunteered their Services in a very handsome Manner, with such of the Ship's Company as chose to go to cut her out, which they did in a very gallant Manner, under a severe Fire from the Forts, the Brig, and several Vessels in the Harbour. She proves to be *Le Mondovi* Brig Corvette, of Sixteen Guns, Twelve Brass Six-Pounders, and Four Iron Twelve-Pounders, manned with Sixty-eight Men, commanded by Citizen Bonnevie, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, a new Venetian-built Brig, sails well, though not coppered, is well found, and in my Opinion fit for His Majesty's Service.

I cannot express to your Lordship the high Sense I have of the gallant Behaviour of Lieutenant Russel, and of the Officers and Men sent on this Service, which they effected with little Loss, notwithstanding the Enemy were prepared to receive them. I have sent Lieutenant Brown to command them for the Time being, as I think it probable, during the Cruise, we may meet a Ship of equal Force, it will be proper to give Lieutenant Russel that Opportunity of Promotion, in case of Success, he so highly merits on this Occasion, as well as many others, since under my Command.

I send a List of Killed and Wounded, and have the Honor to remain, &c.

ROBERT G. MIDDLETON.

I beg Leave to acquaint your Lordship, that I anchored on the 11th Instant at St. Nicholas, on the Island of Cerigo, and cut out a French Polacre Ship from under the Fort; she being in Ballast, I found it necessary to scuttle her, and have landed her Prisoners with *Le Mondovi*, on getting a proper Receipt for them from the Governor at Cerigo.

A List of Killed and Wounded belonging to His Majesty's Ship Flora, Robert G. Middleton, Esq; Captain, at the Capture of the French National Brig Le Mondovi, on the Night of the 13th May, 1798.
Killed.—One private Marine,
Wounded.—Three Officers and Five Seamen.

* Lieutenant Russel (1st); Lieutenant Hepenstall (2d); Lieutenant Parry (Marines); Mr. Morton (Mate); Mr. Tancock (Gunner); Mr. Petley (Midshipman); Mr. Hawkins (Midshipman).

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Name of the Killed.—John Perks.

Names of the Officers Wounded.—Lieutenant Parry of the Marines, slightly in the Hand; Mr. Morton, Maller's Mate, dangerously in the Back; Mr. Tancock, Gunner, slightly in the Head.

List of the Enemy Killed and Wounded.

One Seaman Killed, One Officer and Four Seamen jumped overboard and supposed to be drowned. Eight Seamen and Soldiers dangerously wounded.

Copy of another Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated at Gibraltar, the 1st January 1799.

SIR,

I Enclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Bowen, of His Majesty's Ship *Caroline*, giving an Account of his having captured *La Serailleur* French Brig Privateer, mounting Twelve Guns.

I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

ST. VINCENT.

My Lord, *Caroline, Lisbon, Dec. 15, 1798.*

THIS serves to advise your Lordship, on the 4th Instant, P. M. Latitude 38 Deg. 45 Min. Longitude 12 Deg. I observed a strange Sail to Windward, but the Weather being hazy, and she at a great Distance, I could not form a perfect Idea of her being a Cruiser; and having at that Time the Charge of Two Prizes, with which I was on my Way to Lisbon, I, by Way of a Decoy, made a Signal for the same to form a Line, taking care to keep the *Caroline's* Stern towards the Stranger; and I had the Satisfaction in a short Time to find the Stratagem succeeded; for the Cruiser (as she turned out) seeing I took no Notice of her, chased me, and, as I before observed, the Weather being hazy, she got within the superior sailing of the *Caroline* before she discovered her Mistake; she, however, led me a Chace of Four Hours, in Conclusion of which I had the Satisfaction of securing her: She proves to be a French Brig Privateer; her Name *La Serailleur*, commanded by Captain Malbernac, out of Bourdeaux Fifty-six Days; she mounts Ten Brass Four-Pounders and Two Brass Six-Pounders, her Complement was Eighty-two Men, but when captured had only Fifty-eight on board, the Rest being dispersed in Two Americans she had captured.

I am, my Lord, &c. &c. &c.

THOMAS BOWEN.

Earl of St. Vincent, K. B.

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Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Bridport, K. B. Admiral of the White, Sc. to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 13th Instant.

SIR,

Enclosed is a Copy of a Letter from Captain Durham, of His Majesty's Ship *Anson*, which I transmit to you for their Lordships' Information.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c. &c. &c.

BRIDPORT.

My Lord, *Anson, at Sea, 2d Feb. 1799.*

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that His Majesty Ship under my Command has this Day captured (in Company with the *Ethalion*)