

small Bay to the Northward of Cape Roxo, under the Protection of a Five-Gun Battery, I have the Honor to enclose herewith a Copy of the said Letter for the Information of the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and am to desire you will be pleased to communicate the same to their Lordships; and further acquaint them, that, since my Letter of the 10th of February, the Squadron under my Command have taken or destroyed Eight Armed Vessels, and Sixty-seven Merchant Vessels of every Description, as per enclosed List. I likewise enclose a Copy of a Letter from Captain Vesey, of the Amaranthe, for their Lordships' Information.

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

H. PARKER.

*Trent, at Anchor off the West End of Porto Rico, March 30, 1799.*

SIR,

I Have the Honor to inform you, that having discovered a Spanish Ship and Three Schooners in a small Bay about Seven Leagues to the Northward of Cape Roxo, I sent the Boats under the Command of Lieutenants Belchier and Balderston, and covered them with the Sparrow Cutter; the Vessels being in Shoal Water, close in Shore, and under the Protection of a Five-Gun Battery.

Lieutenant M'Gee with his Party of Marines were landed, and some Seamen under the Orders of Lieutenant Belchier, who immediately stormed the Battery, bayoneted Five, and wounded several, and effectually destroyed the Guns, &c.

The Ship and Schooner were in the mean Time boarded and brought out by the Boats; the other Two Schooners were scuttled by the Enemy. Great Praise is due to Lieutenant Wylie for his spirited Conduct in the Sparrow, as likewise the Officers and Men of His Majesty's Ship employed on this Service. I am happy to add, only Two Seamen and One Corporal were wounded on the Occasion.

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

Sir Hyde Parker, Knt.

R. W. OTWAY.

*&c. &c. &c.*

*A List of Armed Vessels captured and destroyed by His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, since the 12th February, 1799.*

By the Maidstone—A French Schooner Privateer, of Ten Guns and Seventy-nine Men, taken.

By the Aquilon—A French Schooner, pierced for Sixteen Guns, Eight mounted, coppered, with a Cargo of Coffee for Europe, taken.

By the Surprise—A French Schooner Privateer, of Five Guns, (pierced for Ten,) and Sixty Men, named La Lionne, taken.

By La Prompte—The Urca Caraodora, a Spanish Ship, of Thirteen Hundred Tons Burthen, commanded by a Lieutenant, (pierced for Twenty-six Guns,) mounted Twelve Six-Pounders, Copper-sheathed, quite new; loaded with Ship Timber for the Navy Yard at Havanna, set fire to and burnt near the Matanzas.

By the Rattler—A French Ship pierced for Sixteen Guns, Ten mounted, and Forty-two Men, taken.

By the Lark—A French Schooner Privateer, captured,—A Spanish Latine Vessel, of One Six-Pounder and Two Swivels, taken.

By L'Amaranthe—Le Vengeur French Schooner Privateer, of Six Guns and Fifty Men, taken.

H. PARKER.

*A List of Merchant Vessels captured and destroyed by the Squadron under my Command, since the 12th of February, 1799.*

By the Queen—One taken.

By the Hannibal—Two taken.

By the Thunderer—Two taken.

By the Renommée—One taken.

By the Trent and Sparrow—Four taken, Two destroyed.

By the Maidstone—Two taken.

By the Aquilon—Five taken.

By the Alarm—One taken.

By the Surprize—Six taken.

By the Squirrel—Five taken, One destroyed.

By the Jamaica—Two taken.

By the Carnatic, Maidstone, and Greyhound—Four taken.

By the Regulus and Swallow—One taken.

By the Swallow—One taken.

By the Diligence—Seven taken.

By the Lark—Seven taken.

By the Rattler—Three taken.

By the Pelican—Four taken.

By the La Legere and Pelican—One taken.

By the Albicore—One taken.

By the Serpent—One taken.

By the Merlin—One taken.

By the L'Amaranthe—Two taken.

Total—Sixty-four taken, Three destroyed.

H. PARKER.

*L'Amaranthe at Sea, East End of Jamaica, bearing S. S. W. 25 Leagues,*

SIR,

*Six P. M. April 13, 1799.*

I Have the Pleasure to inform you, that I this Day captured Le Vengeur French Schooner Letter of Marque, mounting Six Four-Pounders, after a long Chase S. W. and a brave Resistance of an Hour and Eight Minutes, nearly within Pistol-Shot; in which His Majesty's Sloop under my Command had One Quarter-Master killed, and Three Seamen slightly wounded. By the best Account I can get, she had Thirty-six Men on board, including Passengers; of whom Fourteen were killed outright, and Five wounded, One of which is just dead, and another not likely to live. She was from St. Jago de Cuba, bound to Jeremie, with a Cargo of Flour, is a very fine Copper-bottomed Schooner, capable of mounting Ten Carriage Guns, nearly new, and sails uncommonly fast; and was a Privateer last Cruise.

I have the Honor to remain, &c.

(Signed) F. VESEY.

Samuel Miles, Quarter-Master, killed.

Joseph White, Piers Johns, George Montgometry, wounded.

Sir Hyde Parker, Knt.

*&c. &c. &c.*