

Lemmer Town, West Frisland,
October 11, 1799.

SIR,

I Have the Honor to inform you, that at Five o'Clock this Morning the Enemy made a general Attack on this Town in Four different Parts. Their Advanced Party attempted to storm the North Battery. We soon got them between Two Fires; our Tars with Pikes surrounded them, and they immediately laid down their Arms. Their Force was One Officer, One Serjeant, One Corporal, and Twenty-eight Men, Two of the latter killed. We had no sooner secured our Prisoners than they attacked us with the Remainder of their Force, Six Hundred and Seventy in Number: our little Army did Wonders; for with Sailors and Marines our Force was only One Hundred and Fifty-seven. We fought them for Four Hours and a Half, when the Enemy gave Way in all Directions: I immediately ordered the Marines to pursue them. Their breaking down a Bridge prevented their Colours and Two Field Pieces from falling into our Hands; but before this was effected the heavy Fire from the Marines had killed Eighteen of the Enemy and wounded about Twenty; and in their general Attack they had Five Men killed and Nine wounded.

It is impossible for me to speak too highly of the Men and Officers under my Command. Lieutenant Wyburn of the Marines, as also Lieutenants Howel, Higginson, and Gardner, behaved with Honor to themselves and Credit to their Country. Lieutenant Norman of the Navy, as also Mr. Lane, Mr. Iron, Mr. Wheatly, Mr. Travers, and Mr. Petty distinguished themselves in a most gallant Manner, as did likewise the Whole of the Sailors and Marines.

It affords me great Satisfaction to inform you we had not a Man hurt.

I am, &c. JAMES BOORDER.

William Bolton, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Gun Vessel Wolverenz.

Admiralty-Office, October 22, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Mitchell to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Isis the 18th Instant.

SIR,

I Have the Honor to enclose you the Copy of a Letter to me from Captain Winthrop, giving an Account of his having captured a Sloop of War and an Armed Schooner, by which their Lordships will perceive that he acquitted himself with his usual Zeal and good Conduct; and that the Officers and Men under his Command are entitled to my highest Commendations.

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

A. MITCHELL.

SIR. *Circe, River Ems, October 11, 1799.*

Being detained here by contrary Winds, which deprived me of the Pleasure of acting with you in the Zuyder Zee, I proceeded to reconnoitre the Port of Delfzel, where I discovered a Sloop of War and a Schooner lying within Musket-Shot of the Batteries; and conceiving it practicable to carry them by a Coup-de-Main, I gave the necessary Orders for that Purpose, but the Weather proving tempestuous nothing could be effected until the 8th,

at Night. Delfzel being distant Twenty Miles from the Circe, the Boats proceeded with the First of the Tide, and arrived there just as the Moon went down; at which Time I ordered the Attack to be made by Lieutenant Maughan upon the Ship, and Lieutenant Pawle upon the Schooner, who boarded and carried them in a most gallant Manner, and I am happy to say without any Loss, notwithstanding the Enemy's Guns were loaded, primed, and the Matches lighted. The Name of the Ship is the Lynx, of Twelve Guns, Eight and Twelve-Pounders, and Seventy-five Men; that of the Schooner, the Perseus, mounting Eight Four-Pounders, and Forty Men.

The Officers, Seamen, and Marines employed upon this Service deserve my warmest Acknowledgments for their cool, silent, and steady Conduct, to which our Success was in a great Measure owing: and I feel great Satisfaction in having an Opportunity to do Justice to the Merits of my First Lieutenant, Mr. Maughan, whose Zeal for the Service I have often witnessed; and also to Mr. Pawle, my Second Lieutenant, whom I have had frequent Occasion to commend.

To Lieutenant Buckle, of the Hawke Cutter, and Captain May, a Naval Officer in the Service of the Prince of Orange, who very handsomely volunteered their Services with me on this Occasion, I am much indebted for their Advice and Assistance.

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

R. WINTHROP.

Vice-Admiral Mitchell, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, October 22, 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. James Le Barr, commanding the May Flower Private Ship of War, to Ewan Nepean, Esq; dated at Guernsey the 14th Instant.

SIR,

I Take the Liberty to advise you, for their Lordships' Information, that I Yesterday returned from a Cruize of Six Months in the Private Ship of War the May Flower, belonging to this Island, during which I captured a Spanish Gun Boat, mounting Two long Brass Eighteen-Pounders and Forty-three Men; and a Spanish Packet, Cutter-rigged, mounting Eight Guns, Fours, Four of which are Brass, and Four Swivels, and Twenty-seven Men; the former I sent into Minorca and the latter into Gibraltar; besides which I also captured Four Merchant Vessels, as per List at Foot hereof, Three of which I saw safe in Port, and the Fourth I left on the 8th Instant in the Homeward-bound Lisbon Fleet, under Convoy of His Majesty's Ships the Impregnable, Excellent, and the Alcmena Frigate.

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

JAMES LE BARR.

In Minorca.—The Caroline French Brig, about Ninety Tons, from Leghorn to Toulon, laden with Hemp and Twenty Boxes, Plates of Tin.

In Gibraltar.—A Brig under Danish Colours, from the Coast of Spain, laden with Four Hundred and Five Pipes and Sixty Hogheads of Brandy.

In Lisbon.—The St. José Spanish Latine Bark, from Rio-de-la-Plata to Barcelona, with Sixty Tons of Cocoa, Seventy Hides, and a few Bales of Cotton.