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Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, 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 18th of May 1800.

SIR,

I Have the Honor to transmit you Copies of Two Letters, one from Captain Baker, of His Majesty's Sloop Calypso, and the other from Captain Loring, of the Lark, which, in Justice to the Gallantry and good Conduct of the Officers and Boats' Crews therein mentioned, I am to request you will be pleased to lay before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

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

H. PARKER.

SIR, Calypso, Port-Royal, April 21, 1800.

I Have the Honor to inform you, that on the 12th Instant, at Night, Cape Tiberoon bearing S. by E. distance Four or Five Leagues, I dispatched Mr. William Buckley, Master of His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, in a Six-oared Cutter, with Ten Men, properly armed and provided, and a Swivel in her Bow, to cruise for Two Days under the Cape, with a View to intercept some of the small Craft, which navigate in general within a Mile of the Shore.

In pursuance of this Intention, on the 13th, at Eleven P. M. they perceived a Schooner becalmed under the Land, and pulled immediately towards her; as the Boat approached within Hail she was desired to keep off, and upon their not complying a Discharge of Musquetry commenced upon them, under which they boarded, and after a short, but very smart Conflict upon the Schooner's Deck, the Gallantry of the Attempt was rewarded by gaining complete Possession of her: she proved to be La Diligente French Armed Schooner, of about Seventy Tons, mounting Six Carriage Guns, Thirty Stand of Arms, and laden with Coffee, having on board when she was captured Thirty-nine Men.

Of the Boat's Crew One Man only was wounded, and Seven dangerously on the Side of the Enemy.

The great Disparity of Numbers and Force in this little Enterprize places the very spirited Con-

duct of Mr. Buckley in so strong a Light that it has left me nothing to say, but to express my Hope, Sir, that it will recommend him to your Notice. I feel much Pleasure in adding, that by his Report he was most gallantly seconded by the few brave Men under his Orders.

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

J. BAKER.

Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knt.

&c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Sloop Lark, off Saint Jago de Cuba, March 20, 1800.

SIR,

ON the 14th Instant, observing a Privateer on Shore, I sent the Boats, under the Command of Lieutenant Lane, to bring her out. The Enemy had taken an advantageous Position of Two Heights forming the Entrance of the Bay, where the Schooner was laying, and notwithstanding the gallant Attack of Lieutenant Lane and his People the Boats were repulsed and returned, he himself being shot through the Heart. The Service in him has lost a brave and good Officer.

Mr. Pasley, the Junior Lieutenant, was landed with a Party of Men in a Bay, at Ten Miles distance, to march round and attack the Enemy in Rear, whilst I went myself in the Boats to repeat the Attack in their Front. On my Arrival Mr. Pasley had executed his Orders with such Expedition and Judgment that he left me no other Employment than that of being a satisfied Spectator to the steady and good Conduct of himself and his People. The Vessel mounts Two Carriage Guns, a great Quantity of Small Arms, and is one of those which has so long infested the Coast of Jamaica. I have destroyed her, that she may not again fall into the Hands of the Enemy.

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

J. W. LORING.

Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Knt.

&c. &c. &c.

A List of Vessels taken and destroyed between March the 9th and 20th, 1800.

March 9, 1800, destroyed a French Schooner, in Ballast.

March 14, 1800, destroyed a Canoe, loaded with Timber.

