

Spanish Schooner Santo Trinidad: taken by the Stork.

American Schooner Polly, laden with Provisions and Shingles: detained by Ditto.

Spanish Schooner La Conception: cut out by the Boats of Ditto.

Danish Brig Christian: detained by Ditto.

Spanish Lugger, from Cadiz bound to Vera Cruz, laden with Brandy, Wine, &c. taken by Ditto.

Spanish Schooner, (Name unknown,) laden with Coffee: cut out of a Creek by the Stork's Boat and Abergavenny's Tender.

Spanish Vessel (Name unknown): cut out of a Creek by Ditto.

Spanish Felucca Victoria, from Tobasco bound to Jamaica: laden with Specie, Logwood, and Cochineal: detained by the Nimrod.

Spanish Xebec Pacaro: taken by the Meleager.

Spanish Brig El Maiffe, from Vera Cruz, laden with Copper, Hides, and Soap: taken by Ditto.

American Schooner Experiment, laden with Rum and Sugar: recaptured by the Mulquito.

H. PARKER.

Admiralty-Office, July 22, 1800.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. to Mr. Nepean, dated on board the Ville de Paris, at Sea, 14th July 1800.

SIR,

I Herewith transmit, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter with its several Inclosures, which I have received from Rear-Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, giving an Account of an Attack made by the Boats of His Majesty's Ships under his Orders on a Convoy near the Island of Noirmoutier, of which I highly approve, and of the spirited Conduct shewn on the whole Occasion.

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

ST. VINCENT.

Renown, Bourneuf-Bay,
July 2, 1800.

MY LORD,

I Beg Leave to inform your Lordship, that, having received Information that a Ship of War with a large Convoy of the Enemy were laying within the Island of Noirmoutier, which had assembled there from Sable D'Olonne destined for Brest, I judged the Destruction thereof might be of great Consequence to His Majesty's Service; I anchored therefore with His Majesty's Ships named in the Margin* on the 1st Instant, in the Bay of Bourneuf, and directed the Boats of the Squadron to follow Captain Martin's Orders for their further Proceedings, and I take the Liberty of referring your Lordship to the enclosed Letter for a particular Account of the Transactions on the 1st and 2d Instant.

Although owing to an Accident a Part of the Men have been made Prisoners, and Four wounded in their Retreat upon this Occasion, yet, from the Loss the Enemy has sustained I hope the Enterprize will meet your Lordship's Approbation, as well as the Gallantry and Presence of Mind displayed by Lieutenant Burke upon the above critical Service, with the Zeal and Bravery of the several Officers and Men employed under him, and I trust

* Renown, Defence, Fisgard, Lord Nelson (Cutter).

will recommend them to your Lordship's Notice and Protection.

I have the Honor to remain, &c.

J. B. WARREN.

Fisgard, at Anchor, in Bourneuf-Bay,
July 2, 1800.

SIR,

I Beg to inform you, the Boats of the Ships named in the Margin* were formed into Three Divisions yesterday Evening, under the Directions of Lieutenant Burke, to attack the Armed Vessels and Convoy laying within the Sands, in Bourneuf-Bay, moored in a strong Position of Defence; and under the Protection of Six heavy Batteries at the South-East Part of Noirmoutier, besides flanking Guns on every projecting Point. At Twelve o'Clock, after much Resistance and considerable Loss on the Part of the Enemy, we had Possession of La Terefe, Four Armed Vessels, and Fifteen Sail of Merchantmen, the Whole of which were burnt on finding it impossible to bring them out; and this essential Service would have been accomplished in the most satisfactory Manner if the Boats, in returning, could have found a Passage over the Sand-Banks; but unfortunately they took the Ground, and in less than Ten Minutes were perfectly dry, at the same Time exposed to a continual Fire from the Forts and Four Hundred French Soldiers formed in the Rear; but, in Opposition to this, they determined to attack other Vessels of the Enemy, and secure One sufficiently large to receive all the Party, which they did; and with great Intrepidity, Exertion, and Strength, drew her upwards of Two Miles over the Sands; until they were up to their Necks in Water, before she would float; but I am sorry to add, that Four Officers and Eighty-eight of the valuable Men employed in this glorious Enterprize are Prisoners, though from every Report there are only a few wounded.

I sincerely congratulate you on having succeeded with so little Loss in this important Service, all the Vessels being laden with Corn and valuable Cargoes, much wanted for the Fleets in Brest; and I am sure you will be highly gratified with the Gallantry and uncommon Perseverance manifested by the Officers and Men upon this Occasion.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

T. B. MARTIN.

* Renown, Fisgard, and Defence.

A List of Vessels taken and burnt by the Boats of His Majesty's Ships Renown, Fisgard, and Defence, the 2d July 1800, with the Number of Officers and Men employed on that Service under the Orders of Captain Martin.

Armed Vessels.

Ship La Terefe, of 20 Guns.

A Lugger of 12 Guns.

2 Schooner Gun-Boats of 6 Guns each.

1 Cutter of 6 Guns.

Total.—50 Guns.

Merchant Vessels.

15 Sail all laden (as well as the Armed Vessels) with Flour, Corn, Provisions, Bale Goods, and Ship Timber, for the Fleet at Brest.

Number of Men employed.

Renown.—3 Officers, 4 Petty Officers, 37 Seamen, and 20 Marines.