

armed, and a Battery firing Round and Grape, (under which the Vessels lay touching the Ground,) they boarded, took possession, and brought out Eleven Vessels; and burnt One; another had been sunk by the Enemy's Shot, leaving only One, whose Situation in the Creek would not admit of getting her out.

This little Piece of Service, completely and expeditiously performed with the Loss only of One Seaman killed and Two wounded of the Montague, and One of the latter of the Magnificent, has won my Approbation, and I trust will merit your Lordship's. On this Duty Lieutenants Alexander, Montgomerie, Mitchell, and Jordan, of the Marines, were employed, as was Lieutenant Samarin, of the Russian Navy, who volunteered his Service, all entitled to Applause, as were the Seamen and Marines for their regular and spirited Conduct.

I have the Honor, &c.

JOHN KNIGHT.

*Admiral the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B.
Esq. Esq. Esq.*

List of Vessels.

Three Sloops, (One of them sunk,) Three Brigs, and Five Luggers.

Admiralty-Office, October 25, 1800.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Keith, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Gibraltar, September 30, 1800.

SIR,

I Have the Honor of inclosing a Copy of a Letter from Captain Skipsley, of His Majesty's Sloop Termagant, reporting the Interception of a French National Vessel destined with Supplies for Egypt.

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

KEITH.

*Termagant, Leghorn, 6th
September 1800.*

MY LORD,

I Have to acquaint your Lordship, that on the 1st Instant, in His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, Thirty Leagues to the Westward of Corfica, after a Chace of Two Hours, I captured a French National Polacre called La Capricieuse, commanded by Citizen Gandferrand, Enseigne de Vaisseau, mounting Six Guns, manned with Sixty-eight Men, was victualled for Two Months, had left Toulon Three Days, and was bound to Egypt.

She had on board Three Hundred and Fifty Stand of Arms, a Quantity of Shot, a French General, and a Chef de Bataillon; but the Dispatches (except the Two Letters I have the Honor to enclose) were destroyed before I boarded her.

I have also to add, that on the 4th Instant, after a short Chace, Ten Leagues from this Place, I took the General Holtz French Privateer with Two Guns and Twenty-six Men, which I scuttled and sunk.

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

W. SKIPSEY.

*Right Honorable Lord Keith, K. B.
Esq. Esq. Esq.*

Admiralty-Office, October 25, 1800.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Milbanke, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Portsmouth, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 21st Instant.

SIR,

Enclosed I beg Leave to transmit, for their Lordships' Information, a Letter which I have received from Captain Durban, of the Weazle Sloop, with an Account of his having taken a small French Privateer, and recaptured her Prize.

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

M. MILBANKE.

*His Majesty's Sloop Weazle, Spithead,
21st October 1800.*

SIR,

I Beg to inform you of my Arrival here, and that on the 19th Instant, I captured off Portland, the small French Cutter Privateer Petit Chasseur, of Granville, Pierre Antonare, Master, armed with One Carriage Gun, Muskets, and Sabres, &c.; she had taken a Brig belonging to Sunderland; which I recaptured; her Name unknown, it being late when we boarded her.

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

W. DURBAN.

Admiral Milbanke, Esq. Esq. Esq.

Admiralty-Office, October 25, 1800.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Cunningham, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Clyde, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated Plymouth-Sound, 22d October 1800.

SIR,

I Beg you will be pleased to acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of the Arrival of His Majesty's Ship Clyde under my Command, having towed in the Dick Guineaman, which was made quite a Wreck in a very gallant Resistance against a French Privateer before she was captured.

I enclose, for their Lordships' further Information, a Copy of the Letter addressed to the Earl of St. Vincent, upon my Arrival.

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

C. CUNNINGHAM.

*Clyde, Plymouth-Sound,
October 22, 1800.*

MY LORD,

I Have the Honor to transmit, for your Lordship's Information, a List of Vessels destroyed, captured, and recaptured during the late Cruise of His Majesty's Ship under my Command: Deux Amis Spanish Letter of Marque, Four Guns and Twenty-seven Men, from Vera Cruz to St Andero, burnt in the Harbour of St. Vincent; captured El Beloz, Spanish Packet, Four Guns and Thirty Men, from the Havannah to Corunna; La Rose French Schooner, from Bourdeaux to Guadaloupe; and La Magicienne French Schooner, from Senegal to Bourdeaux; recaptured the Dick Guineaman, of Liverpool, taken by the Grand Decide Privateer, at this Time the Figard was in Sight, who, I apprehend, captured the latter about Two Hours after.

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

C. CUNNINGHAM.

*Right Hon. Earl of St. Vincent, K. B.
Esq. Esq. Esq.*