

Brig Helena, mounting Twelve Six-Pound Guns, manned with Twenty Men.

Brig Braack, mounting Ten Four-Pound Guns, manned with Twelve Men.

The Three latter Vessels laden with Annual Supplies for the Garrison on the Island of Ternate, and had on board, exclusive of their Cargoes, Specie to the Amount of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three Spanish Dollars.

Extract of a Letter from Captain E. O. Osborne, of His Majesty's Ship Arrogant, to Vice-Admiral Raper, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. dated on board His Majesty's Ship Arrogant, at Sea, the 26th of June 1800.

THE Difficulty of getting Water at Anjer Point, induced me to proceed to Mew Bay, where I arrived with the Orpheus, the 5th May.

The 7th of May we captured a small Ship, from the Isle of France, in Ballast, which was burnt.

May 16th, sailed with the Arrogant and Orpheus, from Mew Bay, and passing to the Northward of the Islands off Batavia, made the Land of Java, 16th May, near Point Indramago, and having Bumpkin Island in Sight at the same Time to the Eastward of Batavia; the same Day discovered a large Ship and a Brig at Anchor, to whom we gave Chase; and who, after having made some Signals to each other, made all Sail from us in for the Land. It was late in the Evening before we got near them, when discovered the Ship to be a Vessel of Force, and having several Guns on her lower Deck, and the Brig also mounting fourteen Guns; finding they could not Escape us, they both ran on Shore, at some Miles distant from each other, to the Westward of Point Indramago. We were soon within random Shot of the Ship, and anchored as near her as the Depth of Water would admit, when she began firing at us, which was returned by several Guns from each Deck. About this Time two Boats were observed going from her full of Men; and as it grew dark shortly after, some of our Boats were sent to prevent the Crew of the Ship from landing, and to summons her to surrender, which they could not do till the Morning; this I conclude was with the Design of destroying her, if they could have accomplished landing the Crew in the Night, but the Vigilance of our Boats prevented this taking Place, as her Boats were taken full of Men the first Time the Attempt was made. At Day-break she surrendered, and was taken Possession of, when we found her to be the Hertzoy de Brunswick (Armed Ship), belonging to the Dutch East India Company, Jan Cornelius La re, Commander, mounting twenty Guns on the upper Decks, and Eight Guns on the lower Deck, and manned with Three Hundred and Twenty Men, Part of whom had made their Escape on Shore.

At the Time the Boats were sent to prevent the Men from landing from the Ship, other Boats were sent under the Direction of Lieutenant Blayne, to board the Brig, which was some Miles distant from us. This Service he accomplished without Loss, and soon after brought her near us, when we found her to be the Dolphin Armed Brig, commanded by Jan Vauntyes, belonging to the Dutch East India Company, mounting Fourteen Guns, and having on board Sixty-five Men.

May 24th, at Day-break in the Morning, we captured, close under the Land, a small Armed Brig of Six Carriage Guns, and some Swivels, on a Cruise from Sumarang, which Place she had left the preceding Day.

On the Evening of the 25th we got Sight of Japura, and the Ship at Anchor there; but it fell little Wind, and we were obliged to anchor at the Distance of Ten or Eleven Miles from it; as they had observed us from the Shore, I thought no Time was to be lost, and therefore at Eight P. M. sent all the Boats, well manned and armed, with Lieutenant Blayne Rice, who got to the Ship about Midnight; and though she had been hauled close to the Shore, (on seeing us in the Evening,) under a small Battery, yet the Surprise was complete, and she was boarded without any Loss, many of the Crew jumping overboard at the Time.

The Battery fired on them so soon as they discovered her to be in our Possession; but though some of the Boats' Oars were broke by the Shot, no other Accident happened, and they effected getting her out before Daylight, when she joined us, and we found her to be the Dutch East India Company's Ship Underneming, mounting Six Carriage Guns, and having Eighty Men on board. After putting the Prize in order,

May 28th, joined the Orpheus off Cheribon, and found that in our Absence she had captured a Dutch Brig, a Sloop, and Two Prows; the Three latter were destroyed. Same Day run into the Anchorage to the Westward of Point Indramago, where we landed most of the Prisoners; some of them being very sickly.

The Dolphin Brig is a new Vessel well coppered, and equipped, and well adapted for Service, (particularly in Shoal Water,) she mounts Fourteen Guns, and has good Room and Security at Quarters.

A true Extract,
(Signed) J. HOSEASON, Pro Sec.

*Arrogant, Madras Roads, A. M.
August 11, 1800.*

SIR,

I Have the Pleasure to acquaint you, that on the Morning of the 4th August, being in Sight of Point Divy, we discovered Two Ships in the N. E. and a Brig E. by S., to the former we gave Chase, and about Noon we were sufficiently near to see that One of them was a small Frigate with a Tier of Guns, and the other a Merchant Ship, both under English Colours. At Three Quarters past Two P. M. we had secured the Chase considerably, when she began throwing her Guns, Boats, and other heavy Articles overboard. At Four P. M. the Shot from our chase Guns went over her, when she hauled the English Ensign down, and hoisted French National Colours, fired her Stern Chaces Two or Three Times at us, and then struck. She proved to be a French Privateer, of Thirty Guns, Eighteen and Nine Pounders, all of which were thrown overboard, during the Chase, except Two Eighteen Pounders, Two Nine-Pounders, and Two Carronades; she was commanded by Jean Francois Hodoul, and had a Crew of Two Hundred and Fifty Men, on her leaving the Mauritius on her present Cruise: but had on board only Two Hundred and Sixteen Men, when captured, having put the Rest into Prizes; on taking Possession of her, we found that