no Doubt, that, if the Inhabitants could have had Time to have collected themselves from their different Situations, they would have made a strong Resistance, having since discovered upwards of One Hundred Stand of Arms among them. Knowing the small Force in the Boats, I used my utmost Efforts to get His Majesty's Ship into the Harbour, but was as frequently prevented by thick Fogs. About Eleven, it being somewhat clear, I entered under a very heavy Press of Sail between the Rocks, which were not a Cable's Length across, and at Two P. M. brought to with the best Bower in Fifteen Fathom Water. Found here a French Merchant Brig (Le Reines des Anges) and a Schooner (Le Provoyier), with Eleven small Schooners, and upwards of One Hundred Battoes. The Island contained Fish, Stores, Salt, and Merchandize of various Descriptions, and, upon a rough Survey, about Two Hundred and Twenty Men were upon the Island and in the Boats; but they being so detached several got away in the small Craft, One of which, I have since been informed, was taken off Liverpool in Nova Scotia, and another at St. Lawrence, in Newfoundland.

On every Thing being secured, I ordered One of the Fishing Schooners to be fitted as a Tender, and having her manned and armed with a Twelve-Pound Carronade, gave the Command to Lieutenant Davies, with Directions to scour the Coast, and take Possession of the Islands of Great and Little Miquelon, which he did, but no Inhabitants or Stores were found at either of those Places.

J. GAMBIER.

Admiralty-Office, October 20, 1803.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Sir John Colpoys, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at Plymouth, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated on board the Salvador del Mundo, Hamoaze, 18th October 1803.

I ACQUAINT you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that L'Aventure, French Privateer of Twenty Guns, and One Hundred and Fifty Men, captured by the Acasta, is just arrived. The Prize-Master reports that the Acasta had also retaken the Ship Royal Edward of London, and the Saint Mary's Planter of Liverpool, both from Jamaica, whose late Commanders are arrived in L'Aventure.

Admiralty-Office, October 20, 1803.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Wolfe, of His Majesty's Ship L'Aigle, to Sir Evan Napean, Bart. dated Downs, October 18, 1803.

I HAVE to beg you will acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, on the 27th Ult. being off Vigo, I captured, after several Hours' Chase, L'Alerte French Brig Privateer, of Fourteen Guns, French Six and Four Pounders, and Eighty-four Men, commanded by Bernard Benjamin Bezard, on her Return from a Cruize, having been Sixty-five Days from Bourdeaux. Her Masts, Sails, and Rigging are much torn by our Shot, and the Man at the Helm (the only Man suffered on Deck) dangerously wounded. I have sent Five wounded Prisoners on Shore, to the Care of the French Consul at Oporto.

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