

lowing Morning, by very spirited and judicious Attacks, both Parties succeeded; the Fort was completely surprised, the Prisoners, Fifteen in Number, taken, and sent on board the Cutter, the Guns were dismounted and spiked, their Carriages totally destroyed, and the Magazine blown up; the Barracks were spared, as a large and ripe Field of Canes adjoining must have inevitably been destroyed had they been let Fire to.

The Boats with the Seamen passed one Battery undiscovered, but the Privateer was on her Guard, and commenced a very heavy Fire on them, who nevertheless in the most prompt and gallant Manner boarded, and in a few Minutes carried her. Two Men were found dead on her Deck, and Fourteen were wounded: as many of the Enemy threw themselves into the sea, many must have been drowned.

I am sorry to add that the Blenheim had One Man killed, and Two wounded, and the Drake Three wounded, One dangerously.

The Harmonie was commanded by Citizen Noyer, had Eight Carriage-Guns, and Sixty-six Men at the Attack, Forty-four only of whom were found at the Time of Surrender. The Boats and Privateer repassed the Fort on the Larboard Side of the Harbour within Musquet Shot, but happily escaped from a heavy Fire unhurt.

The spirited Manner in which Captain Ferris led the Boats to the Attack, and the gallant Conduct of Lieutenants Cole and Furber, the Petty Officers, and Men on the Occasion, merit my warmest Praise; nor can I do too much Justice to the Conduct of Lieutenant Beatie, commanding the Detachment of Royal Marines, Lieutenant Boyd, the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, who in the most soldier-like Manner, after being challenged and fired upon by Two Centinels, and perfectly ignorant of the Nature and Number of the Troops they had to contend with, pushed directly into the Fort with fixed Bayonets, when the Enemy cried for Quarter. By the Silence with which the Battery was carried, One Hundred Militia of the Fort of Saint Ann's were cut off from the Point of Rendezvous, and thus the Place, to answer all our Purposes, secured without the Loss of a Man.

Enclosed is an Account of the Guns rendered useless, and Stores destroyed, at Fort Dunkirk.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

THOMAS GRAVES.

*An Account of Ordnance and Stores destroyed, or rendered useless, by a Detachment of Royal Marines belonging to His Majesty's Ship Blenheim, at the Attack of Fort Dunkirk on the Island of Martinique, 16th November 1803.*

Iron Ordnance.—Six Twenty-four Pounders, and Eighteen Three Pounders, spiked, and the Carriages.

Six Barrels of Powder, many filled Cartridges, One Cask of Ball Cartridges, and very many Cannon Shot thrown into the Sea.

Several Barrels of Powder Blown up in the Magazine.

THO. GRAVES.

Admiralty-Office, January 28, 1804.

*Copy of another Letter from Commodore Hood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels*

*at the Leeward Islands, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated at Sea, 2d December 1803.*

SIR,

AS we lay at Anchor in Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, close to Cape des Salines, Yesterday Morning, a Schooner with a Sloop in tow, was working up from to Leeward; about Eight o'Clock being within Six Miles, and perceiving her Intention for St. Pierre's, I directed Captain Maxwell to weigh and give Chace, and was not discovered until all Sail was set, when the Schooner and Sloop separated; I sent the Sarah Advice Boat, after the Sloop, and the Schooner Ma Sophie, belonging to Guadaloupe, of Eight Guns (which were thrown overboard in the Chace,) and Forty-six Men, was captured by this Ship after a Run of Twenty-four Leagues; the Sloop her Prize, retaken by the Sarah, was cut out of Courland Bay, Tobago, having on board only a few Hogsheds of Sugar.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) SAM. HOOD.

P. S. Since writing the before-mentioned, Lieutenant Domet, in the Vigilant Tender, with the Sarah Advice Boat, burnt a Schooner in Ance de Serron, of Seventy Tons, and destroyed the Battery Chateau Margot of Three Eighteen Pounders, without any Loss on our Part—A Party of the Enemy came down and fired on them, of which they killed one Man, and wounded some others.

S. H.

Admiralty-Office, January 28, 1804.

*Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir John Thomas Duckworth, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to Sir Evan Nepean, Bart. dated at Port Royal, the 19th November 1803.*

SIR,

ACCOMPANYING this, I send you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Lieutenant Foley of the Hercule, commanding the Gipsy Tender, stating the Destruction of a French Privateer.

Captain Roberts of the Snake also sends me an Account of a French Privateer which he had been in Chace of the whole Day of the 10th Instant; and in endeavouring to avoid him after dark, got on Shore upon Rocky Point, near the East End of this Island. The Prisoners, Sixty in Number he has sent in.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J. T. DUCKWORTH.

*His Majesty's Schooner Gipsy, Port Royal, November 4, 1803.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that on the 19th of October last, at Four P. M. Cape Maize, bearing North, distant Six or Seven Leagues, I chased, and, after a Running Fight of Two Hours and Forty Minutes, drove on Shore, and completely destroyed a French Privateer Schooner, mounting Two long Eighteen-Pounders, and full of Men.

I should have endeavoured to get her off, but the Night being very dark, and the Wind freshening from the S. E. was obliged to make sail for the Safety of His Majesty's Schooner under my Command, and join the Packet, which Ship I saw safe, agreeable to your Orders. I have, &c. E. K. FOLEY.

*Sir J. T. Duckworth, K. B. Commander in Chief, &c. &c.*