

Account of his having, with that Sloop, recaptured the Enterprize of Biddford, loaded with Camp Equipage, Medicines, &c. for the Army; also of Two of his Boats (after having drove an Enemy's Privateer under the Batteries of La Haye) commanded by the Master, recaptured another Ship which the Enemy abandoned.

I also enclose Copy of a Letter from Captain O'Bryen, of His Majesty's Ship Emerald, stating Lieutenant Gregory, with the Boats of that Ship, having destroyed a Schooner and a Sloop at Port Diable, Martinique.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

W. Marsden, Esq.

SAM. HOOD.

*His Majesty's Sloop Drake,  
March 17, 1804.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, on the Morning of the 14th Instant, off Englishman's Head, Guadeloupe, I fell in with a French Privateer Schooner, and a large Ship in Company, apparently her Prize, but could not come up with either until the Ship ran on Shore near the Batteries at the Haye; I endeavoured to cut off the Schooner from the Protection of the Fort, but was prevented doing so by its falling calm, and frequent Changes of the Wind, and having the Main-Top Shot away, and the Rigging much cut; another Ship appearing in the Offing, and steering, as if intentionally to run a-shore, I made sail after her, leaving Two Boats, under the Direction of Mr. Robson, the Master, to watch the Ship, having perceived her to be off the Shore, and to attack her should they come out, which was obviated by the Enemy's abandoning her at the Approach of the Boats, only leaving one of their Crew, who had not Time to get into their Boats. But I am sorry to add, when in Possession of the Ship more than Half an Hour, she blew up, by which Accident, a Master's Mate, Three Seamen, and one Marine were lost; Mr. Robson, the Master, expired a few Hours after, and several others much bruised. The Name of the Ship I could not learn; she had Eighteen Guns mounted, and was a very large Ship.

The other Ship which I recaptured proved to be the Enterprize, of Biddford, taken by the Decidé.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) W. KING.

Samuel Hood, Esq; Commodore and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

*His Majesty's Ship Emerald, off the Diamond, March 21, 1804.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that on the Evening of the 20th of this Month, observing a Sloop and a Schooner at Port-au-Diable, Lieutenant Gregory, with the Boats of this Ship, was directed to bring them out, which not being able to do, he let fire to and destroyed them.

I have the Honor to remain, &c.

J. O'BRIEN.

Samuel Hood, Esq; Commodore and Commander in Chief, &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, May 19, 1804.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Vashon, to William Marsden, Esq; dated at Leith, the 14th Instant.

SIR,

YOU will be pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Ma-

jesty's Ship the Ethalion arrived in Leith-Roads Yesterday after Post; and I herewith enclose a Letter from Captain Stuart, giving an Account of the Capture of the Dutch National Brig Le Union, of Sixteen Guns, which he has brought in with him.

I am, &c.

J. VASHON.

SIR, *Ethalion, off Bergen, May 10, 1804.*

I BEG to acquaint you, that, last Night, after Six Hours Chace, I captured L'Union, a Dutch National Brig, fitted out by a Company of Merchants at Amsterdam, carrying Sixteen long Guns, Twelve Nine, and Four Six Pounders, and Eighty-one Men, commanded by Captain Charles Theunisse; two Days from Bergen.

L'Union is a remarkable fine Vessel, about Two Hundred and Eighty Tons, Copper fastened, and in my Opinion calculated for His Majesty's Service.

I have great Satisfaction in communicating this Intelligence, as L'Union, in Company with L'Espion, a Dutch Corvette, lately annoyed our Trade on this Station.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

CHARLES STUART.

*Ordnance-Office, May 18, 1804.*

*Royal Regiment of Artillery.*

Thomas Dewell, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Edmund Walcot, promoted. Dated February 14, 1804.

Henry R. Griffiths, Gent. to be Ditto, vice E. Smyth, promoted. Dated February 27, 1804.

First Lieutenant Robert Lawson to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Dunkin, retired. Dated March 1, 1804.

Second Lieutenant Charles Blackley to be First Lieutenant, vice Lawson. Dated as above.

Captain-Lieutenant Charles F. Napier to be Captain, vice Gilbert, deceased. Dated March 2, 1804.

First Lieutenant Nathaniel W. Oliver to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Napier. Dated as above.

Second Lieutenant John Dowse to be First Lieutenant, vice Oliver. Dated as above.

John Macdonald, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Dury, promoted. Dated March 30, 1804.

First Gentleman Cadet Charles J. Holloway to be Second Lieutenant, vice Lear, promoted. Dated April 10, 1804.

Second Gentleman Cadet John M. Straton to be Second Lieutenant, vice K. Digby, promoted. Dated as above.

Third Gentleman Cadet Thomas Foley to be Second Lieutenant, vice W. Bentham, promoted. Dated as above.

Thomas Sheppard, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Rudyerd, promoted. Dated April 11, 1804.

Charles Close, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Cator, promoted. Dated April 28, 1804.

Captain-Lieutenant William R. Carey to be Captain, by Augmentation. Dated May 1, 1804.

First Lieutenant James T. Cowper to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Carey. Dated as above.

Second Lieutenant Marriott C. W. Aytown to be First Lieutenant, vice Cowper. Dated as above.

First Lieutenant Robert Cartlew to be Captain-Lieutenant, by Augmentation. Dated as above.