

the French lost Nine killed and Six wounded, beside Three missing, supposed to have been drowned in attempting to swim on Shore; the Wounded I sent to St. Domingo by a Flag of Truce this Morning. The Remainder I keep on board, there being no English Prisoners to exchange in lieu. The Privateer proves to be the *Hirondelle*, Captain La Place, with Ten Four-Pounders and Fifty Men, and Two Days out from St. Domingo. She had run most of the last War, and all the present, frequently chased, but from her fast sailing always escaped.

I am, &c.

KEITH MAXWELL.

*Vice-Admiral Sir J. T. Duckworth, K. B.
 &c. &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Ship Fortunée, off Altavella,
 August 10, 1804.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, that running down the South Side of Domingo with His Majesty's Ship under my Command, disguised agreeable to your Directions, on the 10th Instant, off Altavella, I was chased by *Le Vautour Felucca* Privateer, mounting One Nine-Pounder Gun, and carrying Fifty-four Men, which approaching nearly within Gun-Shot before they discovered their Mistake, was captured after Two Hours' Chace.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

H. VANSITTART.

*To Rear-Admiral Sir J. T. Duckworth,
 K. B. Commander in Chief, &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, October 16, 1804.

Copy of another Letter from Sir John Thomas Duckworth, K. B. Vice-Admiral of the Blue, &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated at Port-Royal the 30th of August 1804.

SIR,

I TRANSMIT you herewith, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Captain Marshall, of His Majesty's Brig *Pelican*, relating the Capture of the National Schooner *La Laurette*; and am, &c.

J. T. DUCKWORTH.

*His Majesty's Sloop Pelican, at Sea,
 August 24, 1804.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, that on the Morning of the 23d Instant, Cape Nizze bearing N. by E. Six or Seven Leagues, a strange Sail was discovered in the N. E. to which I immediately gave Chace, and have the Satisfaction to inform you, that after a Chace of Six Hours came up with and captured her, after discharging several Broadides; she proves to be the National Schooner *La Laurette*, pierced for Sixteen Guns, but had only mounted Four Twelve-Pound Carronades and One long traversing Nine-Pounder, on Midships, and Forty Men, commanded by Citoyen de Blouch, Lieutenant de Vailleau; had sailed from the City of St. Domingo the Night previous to her Capture, bound to St. Jago for the express Purpose of completing her Crew to One Hundred Men.

(Signed) JNO. MARSHALL.

*Sir John Thomas Duckworth,
 &c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, October 16, 1804.

Copy of a Letter from Sir James Saumarez, K. B. Rear Admiral of the White, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Diomedé, Guernsey-Road, the 13th Instant.

SIR,

HAVING placed Captain Henniker, of His Majesty's Sloop *Albacore*, under the Orders of Commodore Duke de Bouillon, with Directions to use his utmost Endeavours to intercept any of the Enemy's Flotilla passing along the French Coast, I had the Satisfaction, last Evening, to receive an Account of his having pursued, on the 8th Instant, Five Gun Luggers, and driven them on the Rocks off Grosnez on the following Day.

Captain Henniker anchored as near them as was consistent with the Safety of the Ship, and kept up a heavy Fire upon them with Round and Grape-Shot until they were covered by the Surf, and abandoned by their People, who appear to have been very numerous, and among them several were distinguished as Soldiers by their Clothing.

Great Praise is due to Captain Henniker for this spirited and gallant Attack within a few Hundred Yards of the French Coast, and under a heavy Fire from the Enemy's Batteries and Vessels: Great Commendation is also due to the Officers and Crew of the *Albacore*, who appear to have acted in the most determined Manner, and to have preserved the most exact Discipline, in so intricate a Situation, with the Wind directly on the Shore, and close to a heavy Surf; the *Albacore* was hulled in several Places, and the Main and Main Topmast wounded, but I am happy to find has suffered no Loss in Men.

Herewith I enclose the Commodore's Letter, reporting the Particulars of this Action; and am, &c.

JAMES SAUMAREZ.

*His Majesty's Ship Severn,
 Jersey, &c. 10, 1804.*

SIR,

MY Hopes, as expressed to you in my Letter of the 8th Inst. are happily realized by the Success that attended the *Albacore's* Pursuit of the Vessels that were perceived creeping along the Shores of Normandy on that Day, and I have much Pleasure in transmitting you the following Detail of the Circumstance: Captain Henniker obeyed the Signal with admirable Promptitude, slipped his Cable, and made every Sail for the opposite Shore, on which the Wind directly blew, and although the Assault and Cutter returned, not having discovered the Enemy, and lost the *Albacore* in the Haze, the latter succeeded in intercepting near the Grosnez de Flamanville, Five Luggers of the Enemy that appear to have been Gun Vessels of the Second Class, with Bow Guns, and to force them to anchor close to the Surf, under the Cover of a Battery to the Southward of Grosnez; the Wind dead on the Shore, and a Lee Tide induced Captain Henniker to take a Position to await the Return of Day to attack them with some Prospect of Success, which he effected with infinite Gallantry Yesterday Morning at Ten o'Clock, when taking the Advantage of the Weather Tide, he stood in the *Albacore*, under a heavy Fire from the Battery and Gun Vessels, and anchored close to the latter, within Two Cables Length of the Surf, with Springs on his Cable, and at Eleven o'Clock opened a smart and