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Admiralty-Office, October 30, 1804.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Rathborne, of His Majesty's Ship the Santa Margarita, to William Marsden, Esq; dated in Plymouth-Sound, the 28th Instant.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to enclose you Copies of Two Letters I have transmitted to the Honorable Admiral Cornwallis, and have brought in Sixty-four Prisoners that belonged to the Gun-Vessels captured by the Dispatch the Morning of the 24th Instant.

I have not fallen in with the Conquest, or would have brought in the Prisoners taken by her.

I am, &c. WILSON RATHBORNE.

*His Majesty's Ship Santa Margarita, off Ushant, Oct. 26, 1804.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to acquaint you, that at Daylight Yesterday Morning, being in Company with the Hazard, I was joined, by the Dispatch (that had separated from me in a short Gale) and Two French Gun-Vessels out of Four, captured the Morning before. For the Particulars of which I beg Leave to refer to Captain Hawkins's Letter.

I consider it fortunate the Vessels taken by the Dispatch were destroyed, as it was hardly possible such Vessels (although new and very fine of the Sort) could have been kept above Water in such Weather as we had last Night and this Morning.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WILSON RATHBORNE.

*Honorable Admiral Cornwallis.*

*His Majesty's Sloop Dispatch, October 25, 1804.*

SIR,

I BEG to inform you, that, on the Morning of the 24th Instant, at Daylight, Point du Ras bearing N. E. distant Five or Six Leagues, I discovered Two strange Sail on the Weather Bow, to which I gave Chase; and about Eight A. M. came up with the Sternmost, who struck, gave the Brig a lift up in the Wind, dropped the Jolly Boat to take Possession, and continued after the other, whom we captured about Nine. They proved to be Two National Gun-Vessels, Nos. 345 and 353, armed with Two Brass Guns, one Thirty-two and One Six-Pounder, and Twenty Soldiers each; from Odierne bound to Brest, but had been blown off the Land the Day

before. About One the Conquest joined us, and soon after we discovered Two more of them; sent the Conquest after one, and made Sail after the other. At Three came up with her, when she proved to be a Gun-Vessel, No. 371, armed with one Brass Thirty-two and one Six-Pounder, and Twenty-two Soldiers. Not thinking them safe to send to England, I therefore took the Guns out and sunk them.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) EDM. HAWKINS.

*W. Rathborne, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Santa Margarita.*

*Ordnance-Office, October 29, 1804.*

*Royal Regiment of Artillery.*

Major Robert Hope to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lemoyne, retired. Dated October 9, 1804.

Captain John Sheldrake to be Major, vice Hope. Dated as above.

Second Captain Charles Keane to be Captain of a Company, vice Sheldrake. Dated as above.

Adjutant Richard Cleaveland to be Second Captain, vice Keane. Dated as above.

First Lieutenant William T. Skinner to be Second Captain, vice Cleaveland. Dated October 10, 1804.

Second Lieutenant John M. Stratton to be First Lieutenant, vice Skinner. Dated as above.

Second Captain Richard S. Brough to be Captain of a Company, vice Douglas, promoted. Dated October 11, 1804.

First Lieutenant John Peter Eligé to be Second Captain, vice Brough. Dated as above.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Foley to be First Lieutenant, vice Eligé. Dated as above.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant for the County of Middlesex.*

*St. George's Volunteer Regiment of Infantry.*

Ensign George Gay to be Lieutenant, vice Harris, resigned. Dated October 5, 1804.

James Evans, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Gay, promoted. Dated as above.

*Fulham Volunteers.*

Thomas Clennell Parter, Esq; to be Major. Dated October 5, 1804.