

tion. She proves to be the Conception, Spanish Privateer, of One Brass Three-Pounder and Twenty-five Men, well armed and equipped, about Twenty-five Tons Burthen, out Five Days from Manchoneal Harbour, in the Island of Cuba, and had made no Captures.

The Loss of the Enemy was considerable, having had Seven Men killed and drowned, and Eight badly wounded; we, I am happy to say, had only Two slightly wounded; Four of her Men swam on Shore, and have since been taken up by the Militia; the Prisoners I landed here, who were taken Charge of by the Militia; the Wounded are in Hospital with proper Medical Attendance.

The Conduct of Lieutenant Prieur and Mr. J. Christie, Purser, (who volunteered his Services,) the Petty Officers and Men on this Occasion, I cannot too highly recommend to your Notice.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) WILLIAM WOOLSEY.

To Rear-Admiral J. R. Dacres, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, *Hercule, at Sea, May 17, 1805.*  
I HAVE the Honor to enclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter transmitted to me by the Honorable Captain Murray, of His Majesty's Ship Franchise, acquainting me of his having captured the Tender of the Dutch Frigate Kilen Hafshler, which is lying in Curaçoa Harbour.

I am, &c.

J. R. DACRES.

SIR, *His Majesty's Ship La Franchise, off Curaçoa, April 25, 1805.*  
I HAVE the Honor to inform you, that on my Arrival off the Town of this Island, on the 24th Instant, we observed a Schooner to Leeward of us; on standing for her she hauled in under the Fort of Port Maria, and came to an Anchorage; we followed; and, after about an Hour's Firing at the Fort and her, we had the Satisfaction to get her out; she proved to be a Tender to the Dutch Frigate Kelen Hafshler, now laying at Curaçoa, and commanded by a Lieutenant, with Thirty-Five Men, Twenty-four of which, with the Lieutenant and Surgeon, were on board when taken Possession of, the former wounded; the Rest made their Escape on Shore: we have, unfortunately, One Man very badly wounded, and Two slightly; some of our Rigging cut, but not materially damaged.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JOHN MURRAY.

To James Richard Dacres, Esq; Rear-Admiral of the Red, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, July 13, 1805.

Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Rear-Admiral Cochrane, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Northumberland, at Barbadoes, the 4th of June, 1805.

SIR,  
I HEREWITH enclose you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of Two Letters I have received from Cap-

tain Nourse, of His Majesty's Ship Barbadoes, and Captain Cribb, of the Kingsfisher, having captured the French Schooner Privateer La Desirée, and Spanish Privateer Damas.

I am, &c. ALEX. COCHRANE.

*His Majesty's Ship Barbadoes, at Sea, April 8, 1805.*

SIR,  
I BEG Leave to inform you, that His Majesty's Ship Barbadoes, under my Command, this Day captured, in Sight of the Island of Barbadoes, La Desirée French Privateer Schooner, of Fourteen Guns, and Seventy-one Men; out Four Days from Guadaloupe, and had not made any Capture; she had the Temerity, after being decoyed within Musket-Shot, to return the Fire of several Broadides with Musketry, by which she suffered in Seven Men killed and wounded.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) JOSEPH NOURSE.

To Honorable Rear-Admiral Cochrane, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, *His Majesty's Sloop Kingsfisher, off Cape St. Juan, April 11, 1805.*  
TWO Boats from the Ship under my Command, under the Direction of Lieutenants Standish and Smith, brought out from the Anchorage of the above Cape the Damas Spanish Privateer, pierced for Four Guns, mounting only One Eight-Pounder, Forty Muskets, with a Crew of Fifty-seven Men. Though the Crew made some Resistance both from the Vessels and on Shore, I have the Pleasure to add it was without Loss. She was equipped Ten Days ago at Cumana, for a Cruize off Demerary; this is her first and unsuccessful Effort.

I am, &c.

W. R. CRIBB, Commander.

The Honorable Admiral Cochrane, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

War-Office, July 13, 1805.

2d Regiment of Life Guards.

Major-General Charles Barton to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Buckley, who retires. Major Robert Barton, from the 11th Light Dragoons, to be Major and Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Major-General Barton.

Henry Barrington, Gent. to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Lynch, retired.

*Commissions in the Holmedale Volunteers, signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent.*

Lieutenant Charles Carter Petley to be Captain, vice Wrainch, deceased. Dated June 28, 1805.

Lieutenant Francis Woodgate to be Ditto, vice Lane, deceased. Dated as above.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex.*

*Ongar Hundred Volunteers.*

Charles Naylor, Esq; to be Captain, vice Goff, resigned. Dated June 1, 1805.

*Middleton Volunteers.*

Ensign Thomas Stayner to be Lieutenant, vice Spicer, resigned. Dated June 30, 1805.

Richard Wicks, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Stayner, promoted. Dated as above.