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Copies of Letters from Rear-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to William Marsden, Esq.

SIR, *Hercule, Port Royal, May 25, 1805.*

I HAVE the Honor to enclose, for their Lordships' Information, the Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Bligh, of His Majesty's Ship *Surveillante*, acquainting me of that Ship capturing a Spanish Privateer.

I am, &c.

JAMES R. DACRES.

SIR, *Surveillante, May 3, 1805.*

I BEG Leave to inform you, that His Majesty's Ship under my Command has this Day, in Lat. 20 Deg. 37 Min. N. Long. 82 Deg. 36 Min. W. captured the Spanish Schooner Privateer *El Refulgo*, mounting Three Guns, and having on board Fifty-three Men. She has been out Fifteen Days, and taken nothing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JOHN BLIGH.

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

SIR, *Hercule, Port Royal, May 25, 1805.*

I HAVE the Honor to transmit herewith, the Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Lamborn, of His Majesty's Sloop *Peterell*, acquainting me of his having captured a Spanish Privateer, that in all Probability, but for her Capture, would have much annoyed the Trade of this Island.

I am, &c.

J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's Sloop Peterell, May 13, 1805, off St. Jago de Cuba.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to inform you, His Majesty's Sloop under my Command captured this Day, at Four A. M. after a Chace of Two Hours, a remarkable fine Spanish Privateer Schooner, carrying a long Eighteen-Pounder and Four Sixes, and had on board One Hundred and Six Men. She sailed from St Jago Twenty-four Hours previous to her falling into our Hands, and had taken nothing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) J. LAMBORN.

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

SIR, *Hercule, Port Royal, May 25, 1805.*

CAPTAIN ROSS, of His Majesty's Ship *Pique*, having transmitted me a Letter he had received from Captain Crofton, of the *Racoon*. acquainting him of his having captured a Spanish Felucca Privateer. I have the Honor to enclose the Copy thereof, for their Lordships' Information.

I am, &c.

J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's Sloop Racoon, off Lucea, May 13, 1805.

SIR,

I BEG Leave to acquaint you, on the 11th Instant, being at the Anchorage of Montego Bay, observed an Enemy's Schooner boarding a Droger; I immediately slipped and gave Chace, but from her Superiority in rowing and sailing in light Winds, she effected her Escape with her Prize into Cape Cruz. On my Return to this Station, I had the good Fortune to fall in with, and capture the Spanish Felucca Privateer *San Felix El Socoro*, had Forty Men on board, and One Six-Pounder thrown overboard in Chace, out from St. Jago. Eleven Days, and had taken but one Droger.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD CROFTON.

To C. B. H. Ross, Esq; Captain of His Majesty's Ship Pique.

SIR, *Hercule, Port Royal, May 28, 1805.*

I HAVE the Honor to enclose, for their Lordships' Information, the Copy of a Letter transmitted to me by Captain Atkins, informing me of the Seine having captured (assisted by the Wind for Castle Packet under her Convoy) *La Perseverante* Schooner Privateer of Guadaloupe, having one long Twelve and Four Four-Pounders and Eighty-four Men on board.

I am, &c.

J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's Ship Seine, off Heniaga, April 30, 1805.

SIR,

THIS Afternoon I captured *La Perseverante* French Schooner Privateer, after a Chace of Three Hours. She is a remarkable fast sailing fine Vessel, Three Years old, new coppered and fastened with Composition Bolts, of large Dimensions, has Four Four-Pounders and one long Twelve. Her Complement Ninety Men, and had Eighty-four on board when taken. She has been out Twelve