

Year of His present Majesty, for empowering His Majesty to accept the Services of such Parts of His Militia Forces in Ireland, as might voluntarily offer themselves to be employed in Great Britain.

An Act to authorize His Majesty, until the 25th Day of March, 1807, to make Regulations respecting the Trade and Commerce to and from the Cape of Good Hope.

An Act for further continuing, until the 25th Day of March, 1807, an Act made in the Thirtieth Year of His present Majesty, for the more effectual Encouragement of the British Fisheries.

An Act for the Regulation of the Oyster, Sole, and Salmon Fisheries, within the Harbour of Milford, in the County of Pembroke, and the Rivers running into the said Harbour.

An Act for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the Rochdale Canal more effectually to provide for the Discharge of their Debts; and to amend the several Acts passed for making and maintaining the said Canal.

An Act for amending, altering, and enlarging the Powers of an Act passed in the Forty third Year of His present Majesty, for paving, and otherwise improving the Borough of King's Lynn, in the County of Norfolk.

And Four private Acts.

Admiralty-Office, April 22, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent, K. B. Admiral and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet employed in the Channel, Soundings, &c. to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship the Hibernia, off Ushant, April 14, 1806.

SIR,

YESTERDAY received from Vice-Admiral Thornbrough the Letter, with its Inclosure, from Captain Lord Cochrane, of which Copies are herewith transmitted, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. The gallant and successful Exertions of the Pallas, therein detailed, reflect very high Honor on her Captain, Officers, and Crew, and call for my warmest Admiration. I am, &c. ST. VINCENT.

Prince of Wales, off Rochfort, 9th April 1806.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honor to transmit to your Lordship a Copy of a Letter I have this Day received from Captain Lord Cochrane, of His Majesty's Ship Pallas, under my Orders. It will not be necessary for me, My Lord, to comment on the Intrepidity and good Conduct displayed by Lord Cochrane, his Officers, and Men, in the Execution of a very hazardous Enterprize in the Gironde; a River the most difficult, perhaps, in its Navigation of any on this Coast; the complete Success that attended it, as well as the Destruction of the Vessels of War mentioned in the said Letter, on the Coast of Arcaffore, bespeaks their Merits more fully than is in my Power to do; to which may be fairly added, that nothing can evince more clearly the high State of Discipline of the Crew of the Pallas, than the Humanity shewn by them to the Enemy in the Conflict.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) EDW THORNBROUGH.

The Earl of St. Vincent, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Ship Pallas, off Chasseron, 9th April 1806.

SIR,

HAVING received Information, which proved correct, of the Situation of the Corvettes in the River of Bourdeaux; a little after dark on the Evening of the 5th, the Pallas was anchored close to the Shoal of Cordovan; and it gives me Satisfaction to relate, that, about Three o'Clock, the National Corvette La Tapageuse, of Fourteen long Twelve-Pounders and Ninety five Men, which had the Guard, was boarded, carried, and cut out, about Twenty Miles above the Shoals, within Two heavy Batteries, in Spite of all Resistance, by the First Lieutenant Mr. Haswell, Mr. Sutherland the Master, Messrs. Perkyns, Crawford, and Thompson, together with the Quarter-Masters, and such of the Seamen, the Serjeant, and Marines, as were fortunate enough to find Place in the Boats.

The Tide of Flood ran strong at Daylight; La Tapageuse made Sail; a general Alarm was given; a Sloop of War followed, and an Action continued, often within Hail, till, by the same Bravery by which the Tapageuse was carried, the Sloop of War, which had been before saved by the Rapidity of the Current alone, after about an Hour's Firing, was compelled to sheer off, having suffered as much in the Hull as the Tapageuse in the Rigging.

The Conduct of the Officers and Men will be justly appreciated. With Confidence I shall now beg Leave to recommend them to the Notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

It is necessary to add, that the same Morning, when at Anchor, waiting for the Boats, (which, by the bye, did not return till this Morning,) Three Ships were observed bearing down towards the Pallas, making many Signals: they were soon perceived to be Enemies. In a few Minutes the Anchor was weighed, and, with the Remainder of the Officers and Crew, we chased, drove on Shore, and wrecked, one national Twenty-four Gun Ship, one of Twenty-two Guns, and La Malicieuse, a beautiful Corvette of Eighteen Guns; their masts went by the Board, and they were involved in a Sheet of Spray.

All in this Ship shewed good Zeal for His Majesty's Service. The Warrant Officers, and Mr. Tattual, Midshipman, supplied the Place of those commissioned. The Absence of Lieutenant Mapleton is to be regretted; he would have gloried in the Expedition with the Boats. The Assistance rendered by Mr. Drummond of the Royal Marines, was such as might have been expected.

Subjoined is a List of the wounded, together with the Vessels captured and destroyed since the 26th Ultimo.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed.)

COCHRANE.

Vice-Admiral Thornbrough, &c. &c. &c.

Killed.

None.

Wounded.

Michael Molley, both Arms off.  
Henry Crookman, in the Arm.  
John M'Donald, in the Back.

Vessels taken or destroyed.

Le Desfaix, Chasse Marée—Taken.

L'Me Daix, ditto—Taken.

