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Admiralty-Office, May 17, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Queen, off Cadiz, the 19th of April 1806.

SIR,

I HAVE the Satisfaction to acquaint you, for the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's Ship the *Renommée*, Captain Sir Thomas Livingstone, (one of the Ships stationed off Carthagea, for the Purpose of watching the Enemy's Squadron,) on the 4th Instant, captured the Spanish Brig of War the *Vigilante*; for the Particulars of which, I refer you, Sir, to the inclosed Copy of Captain Sir Thomas Livingstone's Letter.

I am, &c. COLLINGWOOD.

His Majesty's Ship Renommée, at Anchor, Europa Point, W. N. W. One Mile,

MY LORD. 5th April 1806.

I INFORMED your Lordship by the *Nautilus*, that on the 3d Instant, Two Spanish Ships of the Line, a Frigate and Brig, came out of the Port of Carthagea, having under their Protection a few small Coasters, and that the Ships of the Line and Frigate chased us to the Southward, while the Brig and Convoy steered along Shore to the Westward, the Wind being North-Easterly.

Finding that the *Renommée* had left the Spanish Ships a great Distance a-tern, I made sail as soon as it was dark for Cape de Gatte, in the Hope of cutting off the Brig, and in this I was not disappointed, for at Two A. M. on the 4th Instant, we saw the Brig anchor under Fort Calleretes, distant from it about Two Cables' Length.

I was prevented by baffling Winds, from getting up to her for Three Quarters of an Hour, but when we did get up, her Fire was soon silenced, and she was in our Possession at half-past Three; the Batteries on the Shore began to fire as soon as we were within Reach, and continued doing it till we were out of their Range. There were Two Gun-boats with the Brig that fired a few Shot at first, but they soon ceased, and I believe ran on the Beach. The Brig was in the Act of warping on Shore when we commenced firing, but fortunately

we cut the Warp, and thereby prevented her getting on Shore. I am happy to say in this Affair we sustained little or no Damage, and had only Two Men wounded.

The Brig proved to be the *Vigilante*, belonging to His Catholic Majesty, commanded by Teniente de Navio Don Joseph Julian, mounting Eighteen Guns, viz. Twelve Twelve-Pounders, long Guns, and Six Twenty-four-Pounders, shorter, with a Crew of One Hundred and Nine Men, and is well calculated for His Majesty's Service.

She had One Man killed and Three wounded in the Fray; her Mainmast went overboard soon after we took Possession; and the Foremast was nearly sharing the same Fate, I therefore took her in Tow, and bore up for this Anchorage, where I arrived this Day; and was the more induced to take this Measure, as, upon our Appearance off Cape de Gatte, all the Beacons towards Carthagea were fired, and I did not know how near the Ships which had chased us the Day before might be, I hope therefore your Lordship will approve of my having so done.

I have Reason to be well satisfied with my Officers and Crew on this Occasion; their steady and well-directed Fire did them great Credit.

As soon as the Prisoners are landed, &c. I shall return to my Station.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

THO. LIVINGSTONE.

To the Right Honorable Lord Collingwood, &c.

Admiralty-Office, May 17, 1806.

Copy of a Letter from Commodore Sir Home Popham to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Diadem, Table Bay, March 4, 1806.

SIR,

I BEG you will do me the Honor to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, at Nine this Morning, a Ship was discovered coming from the Southward under a Press of Sail, and, soon after, Two more; one of which the Station on the Lion Rump reported to be of the Line, and an Enemy's Ship, upon which I directed the *Diomedé* and *Leda* to slip, and keep on the Edge of the South Easter, which had partially set in on the East Side of the Bay.

At Eleven the headmost Ship hoisted French Co-