

Whitehall, March 28, 1807.

The King has been pleased to appoint Archibald Colquhoun, Esq; Advocate, to be His Majesty's Advocate in Scotland.

Admiralty-Office, March 28, 1807.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the Northumberland, at Barbadoes, the 22d January 1807.

SIR,

FOR the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, I beg to inclose the Copy of a Letter from Captain Matson, of His Majesty's Ship Venus, acquainting me with the Capture of the Determinée, a fine Brig Privateer from Guadaloupe, pierced for Twenty Guns, having Fourteen mounted, and One Hundred and Eight Men on board.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's Ship Venus, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, January 18, 1807.

SIR,

WITH great Pleasure I report to you the Capture, by His Majesty's Ship under my Command, of the French Privateer Brig Determinée, from Guadaloupe, mounting Fourteen Guns, with a Complement of One Hundred and Eight Men. We saw her from our Mast-Head, on the Forenoon of the 16th Instant, about a Hundred Leagues East of Barbadoes, and she gave us a Chace of Sixteen Hours. The Determinée is nearly new (being on her Fourth Cruize and fast), a remarkable fine Vessel, coppered and copper-fastened, out Sixteen Days, and had not taken any Thing.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HENRY MATSON.

The Honourable Sir Alex. Cochrane, Rear-Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.

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Copy of another Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, dated at Barbadoes, January 22, 1807.

SIR,

THE inclosed Copies of Letters from Captains Selby and Sayer, of His Majesty's Ships Cerberus and Galatea; from Captain Hodge, of His Majesty's Sloop St. Christopher's; and from Lieutenant Dean, commanding His Majesty's Armed Brig Dominica, I request you will be pleased to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. They give me an Account of the Capture of Two small Privateers, a Letter of Marque, and Two other Vessels. Considerable Spirit and Gallantry were displayed by the Officers and Men in the Boats of the Galatea and Cerberus; the Loss in the latter Ship has been rather great, and I am sorry to add, that Lieutenant Coote's Wound is of a very severe and dangerous Nature.

The Creole Privateer Schooner, of One Gun and Twenty-eight Men, captured by the Circe, on the 2d Instant, is also arrived in this Bay.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's Ship Cerberus, off Martinique, January 3, 1807.

SIR,

I BEG Leave to acquaint you, that in pursuance of your Orders to me by Captain Pigot, I reconnoitred the Ports of Guadaloupe and the Saints; after having so done, and perceiving no Force of any Consequence, except a Brig, of Sixteen Guns, lying in the Saints, I left Captain Pigot, of the Circe, off that Port, and was proceeding to my former Station in further Pursuance of your Directions, when on the 2d Instant, as I was beating to Windward between Martinique and Dominica, I observed a Privateer Schooner, with a Schooner and a Sloop in Company, standing for St. Pierre's with French Colours flying; I gave Chace and prevented them from reaching that Port, upon which they all Three anchored under a Battery to the Northward, near to the Pearl Rock, and very close to the Shore.

It however appeared to me practicable to cut them out in the Night. I consulted Lieutenant Coote on the Occasion, who, with Lieutenant Bligh, volunteered the Attack; when about Eight o'Clock, they very gallantly boarded Two of the Vessels, under a most tremendous Fire of Cannon and Mufketry from the Shore, and brought them out, notwithstanding the Enemy had taken the Precaution to unbend their Sails.

Our Loss, however, upon this Occasion, has, I am concerned to say, been considerable. Lieutenant Coote has received a most desperate Wound in the Head, which has deprived him of his Eye-sight, and I very much apprehend will, eventually, his Life. One Midshipman was wounded by a Mufket-Ball in the Leg, Two Men were killed, and Eight more were wounded; a List of which I herewith inclose.

I cannot close this Account without expressing in the highest Terms, my entire Satisfaction of the gallant Conduct of Lieutenants Coote and Bligh, together with Messrs. Hall, Master's Mate, Mr. Sayer, Mr. Carlewis, and Mr. Selby, Midshipmen, whose Bravery on this Occasion, could not be exceeded; and which I feel assured will be the Means of procuring them your Approbation. Messrs. Horopka and Ratkove, Russian young Gentlemen, serving as Midshipman, and Mr. Collins, Boatswain, are also entitled to my warm Praise.

The Privateer made her Escape with her Sweeps under Cover of the Darkness of the Night. I herewith inclose you a List of the Vessels captured (One Schooner, One Sloop, French); and have the Honour to be, &c.

W. SELBY.

The Honourable Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. Barbadoes.

A List of Officers and Men killed and wounded on board His Majesty's Ship Cerberus.

Killed,

William Torbuft, Ordinary Seaman,
William Townshend, Marine.

Wounded,

William Coote, Second Lieutenant, dangerous.
George Sayer, Midshipman, not bad.
Peter Pison, Ordinary, since dead.
William Smith, Landman, not dangerous.
John Burke, Quarter Gunner, ditto.