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Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral the Right Honourable Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to William Marsden, Esq.

SIR, *Ocean, Gibraltar Bay, June 27, 1807.*

I INCLOSE, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Raitt, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop the Scout, detailing the Proceedings of that Sloop and the Redwing in destroying a Spanish Privateer, a Letter of Marque, and a Felucca, in the River of Barbate, on the 15th Instant.

I also transmit One from Lieutenant Tomlinson, commanding His Majesty's Gun-Brig the Dexterous, giving an Account of his having, on the 23d Instant, attacked Two of the Enemy's Privateers near the Island of Carif, One of which was captured and brought out.

Sub-Lieutenant Pritchard, who commanded the Dexterous' Boats on this Occasion, and had the Misfortune to be wounded, I had appointed to act as Lieutenant of the Terrible on the 23d, instead of Lieutenant Campbell of that Ship, invalided; and I hope he will in a short Time be sufficiently recovered to join his Ship.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed) COLLINGWOOD.

His Majesty's Sloop Scout, Gibraltar

MY LORD, *Bay, June 26, 1807.*

I BEG Leave to inform your Lordship, that on the 13th Instant, His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, in Company with His Majesty's Sloop Redwing, chased into the River Barbate a Spanish Privateer and a Letter of Marque, with a Felucca under his Convoy. She got over the Bar, and opened her Fire on us as we were standing into the Bay; I anchored both Brigs within Range of Grape of the River, and sent in the Boats of both Sloops to destroy them, which, I am happy to inform your Lordship, they did.

The Privateer's Name is the De Bon Vassallo, Peter Thompson, Commander, mounting One long Twenty-four-Pounder and Two long Sixes, manned with Forty-two Men, all of which made their Escape but Four; the others' Names I could not hear. They also took Two Signal-Poiss, and

brought the Signals off, which I inclose to your Lordship.

My Lord, I am much indebted to the Officers, Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines of both Brigs, for the steady and determined Conduct in boarding the Privateer under a heavy Fire from his great Gun.

I am happy to inform your Lordship that we have lost no Men; only One Man of the Redwing, which had his Arm broke by a Splinter by the Explosion of the Privateer when she was blown up.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. RAITT.

To the Right Honourable Lord Collingwood,
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's Gun-Brig Dexterous,

MY LORD, *Gibraltar-Bay, June 24, 1807.*

HAVING observed the Isle of Cani, at the Foot of Apes-Hill, to be a lurking Place for the Enemy's Privateers which infest the Gut, I endeavoured on the 23d Instant to make myself acquainted, by sounding round it; the Boat sent on this Duty was fired at by a Privateer, which had secreted herself amongst the Rocks. At Four P. M. came to, with a Spring on the Cable, within less than half a Mile of the Enemy's Vessel, which we now discovered to be Two, from which our Fire drove the Men. At Five, finding our Fire not to have the desired Effect, of sinking them, the Officers and People volunteered to bring them out in the Boats, which they effected under a heavy Fire of Mufketry from the Privateer's People, stationed on the Island. She is named the Victoria, Joseph Landage, Commander, mounting Two long Six-Pounders, and Twenty-five Men, one of whom we found on board wounded.

I have the Satisfaction to inform your Lordship, that the cool and steady Behaviour of the Dexterous' Crew meets my Approbation; but the gallant Conduct of Mr. Pritchard, Sub-Lieutenant, who commanded the Party, deserves the highest Commendation, for though wounded in the Side before he got on board the Vessel, he concealed the Hurt till he received a second Ball through his Arm; he speaks in the highest Terms of the Men under his Command, especially Edward Stokes, Gunner's Mate, to whom, on Mr. Pritchard's being wounded, the Command devolved.