

Impressed with these important Considerations, we implore your Majesty, as the common Father of your People, to take the critical Situation of the commercial Part of your Majesty's Subjects into your most gracious Regard; and we humbly beseech your Majesty to adopt such Measures as may appear most expedient to restore to us, at an early Period, the Blessings of Peace.

We most dutifully assure your Majesty, that your Majesty reigns in the Hearts of a brave and loyal People; and should the Restoration of Peace be retarded by any Demand of the Enemy, inconsistent with the Honour and Security of the United Kingdom, we will firmly support and defend your Majesty's Government in every Measure necessary for the Safety of these Realms, and of that Constitution under which we have the Happiness to live.

We repose in your Majesty's paternal Goodness to take the earliest Opportunity to close the Calamities of War, and alleviate the Distresses of your faithful Subjects; and your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Transmitted by the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Milton and William Wilberforce, Esq; Representatives in Parliament for Yorkshire.]

Admiralty-Office, March 26, 1808.

Copies of Letters from Vice-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica, to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board His Majesty's Ship *Veteran*, Port Royal, the 1st January 1808.

SIR,

THE inclosed Copy of a Letter I request you will be pleased to lay before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, reporting the Capture of the French Schooner Privateer *Experiment* by the *Rein Deer*, after a Chace of Ten Hours.

I am, &c. J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's Sloop *Rein Deer*, off *Tiberon*,
SIR, December 21, 1807.

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that after a Chace of Ten Hours, I came up with and captured the French Schooner Privateer *Experiment*, Antoine Corroco, Captain, with Two Guns and Forty Men, and Twenty-one Days from Baracao, and had made no Captures.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) P. J. DOUGLAS.

To James Richard Dacres, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the *White*, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, *Veteran*, Port Royal, Jan. 10, 1808.

THE Two Tenders to my Flag, which had failed from hence to see, each of them, a valuable Licenced Trader, bound to Vera Cruz, as far as Cape Antonio, fortunately fell in at the same Time on their Return with a heavy Spanish Privateer Schooner, which they captured without Loss.

The inclosed Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Boyd details the Particulars.

I am, &c.

(Signed) J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's Schooner *Gracieuse*, off Cape Antonio, Dec. 27, 1807.

SIR,

I BEG Leave to acquaint you that this Forenoon, His Majesty's Schooner *Gypsey* in Company, we fell in with and captured the Spanish Privateer Schooner *Juliana*, mounting Four Twelve-Pound Carronades, and One long Brass Eighteen-Pounder amidships, with a Complement of Eighty-three Men, out Three Months from Trinidad in Cuba, has not captured any Thing.

I have sent His Majesty's Schooner *Gypsey* in with her, as she was the closest during the Chace, and suffered the most in her Rigging. Though she was not of sufficient Force to give us a long Action, I must request Permission to say every Person gave me the utmost Satisfaction.

It is with great Pleasure I have to add, that though the Enemy suffered materially, having Eight killed and Six wounded, only One Man of ours was wounded.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) D. BOYD, Lieut. Com.

SIR, *Veteran*, Port Royal, Jan. 13, 1808.

I HAVE the Honour to inclose you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Coghlan, of the *Elk*, acquainting me with the Capture of a Spanish Packet.

I am, &c. J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's Brig *Elk*, *Nassau*, New Providence, Nov. 7, 1807.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that His Majesty's Brig I command captured, on the 19th Ult. after a long Chace, which led me to the *Catouche* Bank, the Spanish Schooner *Posta de Caraccas*, bearing a Letter of Marque, from *Campachy* to the *Havannah*, with a Cargo of Leather, Bass Rope, and Twenty-four Thousand Dollars, which she had in Freight. Her Mail, with One Gun she had mounted, were thrown overboard in the Chace.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JER. COGHLAN.

To James Dacres, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the *White*, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, *Shark*, Port Royal, Feb. 4, 1808.

I HAVE much Pleasure in transmitting to you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copies of Two Letters I have received from Captain Douglas, of the *Rein Deer*, reporting the Capture of Two Enemy's Privateers. Their Lordships will agree with me that Captain Douglas has shewn a great deal of Activity, and is entitled to great Commendation; Four Privateers having been captured by the *Rein Deer* in the Space of Four Months.

I am, &c. J. R. DACRES.

His Majesty's Sloop *Rein Deer*, off Point Picolet, St. Domingo, Jan. 25, 1808.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that, in His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, I fell in with and captured, after a Chace of Five Hours, the French Schooner Privateer *Lyonnaise*, Jean Tessier, Captain, pierced for Twelve Guns, but had only Five on board at the Time of Capture, with a Com-