

destroyed of 74 Guns, on the Night of the 22d of March.

I have the Honour to be, &c.
(Signed) GEO. PARKER.

*His Majesty's Ship Stately, off Zealand
Odde, 25th March 1808.*

SIR,
IT is with much Satisfaction I have the Honour to acquaint you with the Capture and Destruction of the Danish Ship of the Line Prince Christian Frederick, of Seventy-four Guns.

Proceeding towards the Great Belt, in Company with His Majesty's Ship Nassau, at Two P. M. on the 22d Instant, we observed a strange Sail; and the Signal being made to chase, at Four P. M. Greenall on the Coast of Jutland bearing N. W. by N. distant Ten Miles, we discovered that it was an Enemy; and at Five P. M. ascertained the Chace to be a Danish Ship of the Line. I now saw that it was evidently the Intention of the Enemy to run his Ship on Shore; and as the Night was approaching he might hope that, in our Pursuit of him in the Dark, we would have the same Fate. This, I have since been assured, was his Design. At Forty-five Minutes past Seven P. M. Captain Campbell, in the Nassau, got up with the Enemy, and commenced the Action, and in a few Minutes after the Stately closed; a running Fight was now maintained for a considerable Time, the Enemy fighting with great Obstinacy, until we succeeded in getting very near, and gave some close Broadfides, on which he struck about half past Nine P. M. At this Moment the Ships were within Two Cables' Length of the Shore of Zealand; and before my First Lieutenant, who took Possession of the Danish Ship, could cut away her Anchor, she grounded. Fortunately this Ship and the Nassau brought up near to her. During the remaining Part of the Night we were employed in taking out the Prisoners; and at Daylight of the 23d it was found impossible to get the captured Ship afloat, the Wind blowing strong on the Shore, and that therefore the only Course I could follow was to destroy her. The Necessity for doing this, and for placing our own Ships out of Danger, soon became apparent, as the Danes were preparing their Artillery on the Coast, and as our Ships were at Anchor only Two Cables' Length from the Beach, they would have done us great Injury. After removing the Prisoners and Wounded, in doing which we experienced much Difficulty from the Wind blowing strong, and a good deal of Sea running, the Enemy's Ship was set on Fire in the Evening of the 23d, and in a short Time blew up.

I am happy to say our Loss has been small. It is trifling indeed when compared with the Enemy, where the Slaughter was great, he having Fifty-five killed and Eighty-eight wounded. We have however received considerable Damage in our Masts and Rigging.

The Prince Christian Frederick was a very fine Ship, Copper-bolted, commanded by Captain Jayson, with a Complement of Six Hundred and Twenty Men, and had Five Hundred and Seventy-six on board.

I feel much indebted to Captain Campbell for his Zeal and Ability in the Commencement and during the Action, and to the Officers, Ship's Company, and Royal Marines of his Ship. My warmest Gratitude and Praise is due to the Officers and Seamen,

and the Officers and Privates of Royal Marines, of this Ship, for their brave and gallant Conduct during the Action, displaying throughout the cool Intrepidity of British Seamen. The same Spirit animated both Ships.

I beg Leave to recommend in the strongest Manner to the Patronage of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, Mr. David Sloan, my First Lieutenant, to whom I am greatly indebted, not only for his brave and spirited Conduct in the Action, but also for his unwearied Exertion in removing the Prisoners and Wounded from the Danish Ship, and setting her on Fire. He possesses, in an eminent Degree, every Quality requisite to form the Officer and Seaman.

Herewith you will receive a Return of the Killed and Wounded.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEO. PARKER.
To Vice-Admiral Ruffel, &c. &c. &c.

List of the Killed and Wounded.

Stately—2 Seamen, 2 Marines, killed; 26 Seamen, 2 Marines, wounded.—Total 32.

Nassau—1 Seaman, killed; 11 Seamen, 5 Marines, wounded; 1 Seaman, missing.—Total 17.

Officers wounded.

Stately.

Lieutenant Cole, slightly.

Mr. Lemon, Boatswain, severely.

Mr. Davis, Master's-Mate, slightly.

Nassau.

Mr. Edward J. Johnson, Volunteer 1st Class, slightly. (Signed) G. P.

Admiralty-Office, April 19, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board His Majesty's Ship Culloden, Madras Roads, October 18, 1807.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to transmit to you, to be laid before the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter from Captain Fleetwood Pellew, of His Majesty's Ship Psyche, stating the Capture of the Dutch Corvette Ship Scipio, of Twenty-four Guns, in Samarang Bay, in the Island of Java, on the 31st August last, together with the Dutch Armed Brig Ceres, of Twelve Guns, and a large Merchant Ship under their Convoy from Batavia, which have since arrived in Safety at Madras.

I have only to express my entire Satisfaction at the judicious Conduct of Captain Fleetwood Pellew on that Occasion.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

EDWARD PELLEW.

*His Majesty's Ship Psyche, at Sea, off
Java, September 3, 1807.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you, that proceeding in the Execution of your Orders of the 18th of June last, His Majesty's Ships Psyche and Caroline, on the 29th of August, reconnoitred the Port of Souraybaya, and by a Ship from Batavia (captured the following Day) ascertained the Situation of the Enemy's Line of Battle Ships, which