

execrable Measures of a presumptuous Foe have reduced almost all the Continent of Europe.

We look forward with Confidence to the Issue, as honourable to this Kingdom if the Contest is persisted in with that steady Energy of which Britain possesses the ample Means, and by the cordial Union of Britons, will prove invincible, and compel those Nations to venerate our happy Constitution, which they have not yet had the Virtue to imitate.

Under these Impressions we are determined uniformly to co-operate, as far as in our Power, in maintaining the Honour and Independence of your Majesty, and the United Kingdom of Britain and Ireland, and its Colonies.

Signed in Name and by Appointment of the Incorporations, at their Hall in Dumfries, the 19th April 1808, by

*John Fergusson, Convener.*

[Transmitted by *W. Johnstone Hope, Esq.*]

*St. James's, May 12, 1808.*

This Day William Pinckney, Esq; Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America, had a private Audience of Her Majesty:

To which he was introduced by the Earl of Morton, Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty, and conducted by Sir Stephen Cottrell, Kn. Master of the Ceremonies.

*Queen's Palace, May 11, 1808.*

The King was this Day pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Mr. Justice John Bayley, upon his Appointment as one of the Judges of the Court of King's Bench.

*Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1808.*

*Copies of Letters and their Inclosures, which have been received at this Office from Vice-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Jamaica.*

SIR, *Veteran, Port Royal, Mar. 16, 1808.*

I HAVE the Honour to inclose you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter transmitted to me by Captain Symonds, reporting the Capture of a Spanish Schooner Letter of Marque by the Tweed.

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

*To the Hon. W. W. Pole, &c. &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Sloop Tweed, at Sea, March 6, 1808.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you, that, on the Morning of the 29th Ult. His Majesty's Sloop Tweed, under my Command, fell in with and captured the Spanish Schooner Letter of Marque Santissima Trinidad, from Puerto Cavallo bound to Cádiz. She is pierced for Fourteen Guns, has Four mounted, with a Complement of Twenty Men.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

T. E. SYMONDS

*To Vice-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

SIR, *Veteran, Port Royal, Mar. 17, 1808.*

THE inclosed is the Copy of a Letter I have received from Lieutenant Rorie, acquainting me of the Capture of a Spanish Felucca Letter of Marque by His Majesty's Brig Fortunée, under his Command.

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

*To the Hon. W. W. Pole, &c. &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Brig Morne Fortunée, Port Royal*

SIR, *Harbour, Jamaica, Mar. 16, 1808.*

I HAVE the Satisfaction to inform you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's Brig under my Command, on the 10th Instant, while off the South Side of the Pedro Shoals, after a Chace of Four and Twenty Hours, captured the Spanish Letter of Marque Felucca Santo Christo, mounting One long Twelve Pounder, with a Complement of Fifteen Men, from Cuba bound to Porto Bello.

I have, &c. (Signed) J. J. RORIE.

*To J. R. Dacres, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.*

SIR, *Veteran, Port Royal, Mar. 19, 1808.*

CAPTAIN SYMONDS, of the Tweed, having acquainted me with the Capture of a French Privateer Schooner, I transmit you a Copy of his Letter for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

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

*To the Hon. W. W. Pole, &c. &c. &c.*

*His Majesty's Sloop Tweed, Port Royal,*

SIR, *March 18, 1808.*

I HAVE the Pleasure to inform you, that, on the 16th Instant, at Eight A. M. His Majesty's Sloop Tweed, under my Command, captured the French Privateer Schooner L'Aventure, of Three Guns and Fifty-two Men. A few Days prior to her Capture we destroyed a small Schooner, Prize and Tender to the Privateer.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) T. E. SYMONDS.

*To Vice-Admiral Dacres, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c. Jamaica.*

*Admiralty-Office, May 14, 1808.*

*Extract of a Letter from Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander Cochrane, K. B. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the Leeward Islands, to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on board His Majesty's Ship Belkisse, off Marie Galante, April 7, 1808.*

I HAVE the Honour to inclose, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Selby, of His Majesty's Ship Cerberus, acquainting me with the Capture of the Island of Desceada, and of his having caused all the Batteries thereon to be destroyed.

The Inhabitants have generally taken the Oath of Neutrality, I have not therefore left any Force on the Island, but only stationed a Sloop of War and a Brig there for its Protection, and to prevent the Enemy from throwing in a Garrison from Guadalupe.

The Neutrality of this Island will afford us greater