

and the Officers and Crews of both Ships having volunteered, I, last Night, sent Three Boats from this Ship, and the Tartarus Two, all under the Direction of Lieutenant William Elliot, First of the Daphne, accompanied by Mr Hugh Stewart, Master; Lieutenant Boger of the Royal Marines; and Messrs. Beazely, Durell, Elliot, Moore, and Ayton, Midshipmen; and Lieutenants Gittins and Patterson, and Messrs. Septford, Luffman, and Andrews, Midshipmen of the Tartarus. They were towed near the Shore by the Forward Gun-Brig. They found the Vessels moored close under the Fort of the Castle, which mounts Ten Guns, with Hawfers fast to the Shore; and immediately on getting to them the Alarm was given by some Danish Boats, the Danes instantly forsook the Vessels, and the Castle and Three other Guns began, and kept up a heavy Fire of Round, Grape, and Musketry: Many of the Shot went through the Hulls and Sails of the Vessels; notwithstanding which the Five Boats cleared the Harbour of all but Two Brigs, both light, and one of them with neither Sails nor Rudder. As no Credit can accrue but to those who planned and executed this Enterprize, I trust, Sir, I may be allowed to express to you my Admiration of the steady Valour and good Conduct of Lieutenant Elliot, (whose Behaviour at all Times led me to expect it from him,) as well as every Officer and Man employed in it. He speaks in the strongest Terms of the Courage and Steadiness of the Officers, Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines of both Ships. I am happy, Sir, to add, that the Loss is very trifling on either Side, which I am surpris'd at, having observed from the Ship the heavy Fire kept up by the Enemy. A Danish Boat, with Five Men in, having the Temerity to persist in endeavouring to retake one of the Vessels, although repeatedly warn'd by Lieutenant Elliot, the latter was oblig'd with his People to fire in their own Defence, and Three of the Five fell; on our Side there were Three wounded by the Enemy, and one by Mistake, but none badly. Amongst the former is Lieutenant Elliot, which, with his being an old Lieutenant, and a very deserving Officer, will, I trust, be an additional Inducement with you to recommend him to the Notice of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I inclose a List of the Wounded. There is a Man slightly wounded belonging to the Tartarus, but I have not learnt the Nature of his Wounds. All but my First Lieutenant and One Seaman are able to do Duty.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) F. MASON.

Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. Rear-Admiral
of the Blue, &c. &c. &c.

As from the Papers being taken away I shall not be able to send you a correct Account of the Prizes at present, I shall only add that there are

- 5 Brigs, of apparently from 130 to 190 Tons, deeply laden with Grain and Provisions,
- 3 Galliots of about 110 Tons each, 2 deeply laden as above, and 1 light.
- 1 Schooner of about 80 Tons, deeply laden as above.
- 1 Sloop of about 90 Tons, deeply laden as above.

A List of Officers and Seamen belonging to His Majesty's Ship Daphne, Francis Mason, Esq; Captain, and Tartarus Sloop, William Russell, Esq; acting Commander, wounded on the 25th of April 1808, in cut-

ting out Ten Vessels from Flodstrand, on the Coast of Jutland, laden with Provisions, and supposed to be bound to Norway.

Daphne.

Lieutenant William Elliot, severe Contusion on the Middle of the Right Thigh by a Splinter when on board one of the Enemy's Vessels.

Mr. Hugh Stewart, Master, slight Contusion in the Elbow, received when in the act of Boarding Henry Tod, Seaman, punctured Wound in the Neck by one of the Daphne's Crew having mistaken him for a Dane.

William Johnson, Seaman, lacerated Wound in the Hand by a Splinter, when on board one of the Enemy's Vessels.

Tartarus.

One Man slightly wounded.

(Signed) F. MASON.

His Majesty's Ship Salsette, off Ystad,
May 1, 1808.

SIR,

I BEG to inform you, that I Yesterday captured, after a Chace of Five Hours, from under Moen Island, the Danish Privateer Kratbesminde, Christian B. Oxholm, Commander, mounting Eight Guns and Thirty-one Men, out Five Days from Copenhagen, and had made no Capture.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. BATHURST.

Sir Samuel Hood, K. B. Rear-Admiral of
the Blue, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, May 21, 1808.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. John T. Curry, Commander of the Royal George Yacht in the Service of the Revenue, to the Commissioners of the Excise at Edinburgh, and transmitted to the Hon. W. W. Pole by the Secretary to that Board.

BEING off Wick on Sunday the 1st of May instant, I received Information from a Fishing Smack that a Privateer was upon the Coast, and could not then be far off, I made Sail and stood out to Sea, and soon found the Information I had received to be perfectly correct, for I observed the Enemy in Shore in Chace of several Vessels, about Five P. M. South Ronaldsha then bearing N. N. W. distant about Five or Six Miles. I made all Sail instantly, and gave Chace, the Wind being then S. W. The Privateer, as soon as she perceived what I was, tacked, and stood away before the Wind with a Prese of Sail, and seem'd at first to gain upon us; but it springing up a smart Breeze we gradually approached him, when he began to fire his Stern Chacers, which did us no Injury. At length I had the Pleasure of laying him alongside after a Seven Hours' Chace, about One o'Clock on the Morning of the 2d, when I gave her a whole Broadside, and wore round and gave her another, when she struck.

Upon boarding I found her to be the Passe-Par-tout, commanded by Jean Jude Vaudlicme, of Oitend, Dogger-rigged, (with a View to deceive) mounting Sixteen Guns, Four and Eight-Founders, with Sixty-eight Men, but only Forty-four on board. She had taken a Brig from Dundee, in Ballast, for America, and a Sloop from Banff, also in Ballast, the Day before; and when I observed her she had just boarded a Sloop of this Place, and was in Chace of several other Vessels, which would