

tain Directions to proceed to Malta with her and the Prisoners.

The Friedland is Twelve Months old, carries Sixteen French Twelve-Pounder long Guns, built at Venice, and is a very fine Brig. Embarked on board her is Commodore Don Anilcar Paolucci, commanding in Chief the Italian Marine, and Knight of the Iron Crown.

I remain, &c.

THOMAS HARVEY.

Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood,
Esq. Esq. Esq.

Admiralty-Office, May 28, 1808.

Copy of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board the Ocean, at Sea, April 23, 1808.

SIR,

I BEG to inclose, to be laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Sir Thomas Livingstone, which I have To-day received from Rear-Admiral Purvis, giving an Account of the Boats of the Renommée and Grasshopper having, on the Night of the 6th of November last, attacked and captured Two Armed Vessels which lay at Anchor under the Protection of the Torre de Estacio.

The Officers and Men employed on this Service, under the Direction of acting Lieutenant Webster, appear to have displayed considerable Gallantry.

I am, &c. COLLINGWOOD.

His Majesty's Ship Renommée, off Carthagena, Nov. 12, 1807.

SIR,

I HAVE to acquaint you, that on the Night of the 6th Instant I sent a Detachment of Boats from this Ship and the Grasshopper, under the Direction of Lieutenant William Webster of the Renommée, for the Purpose of cutting out some Enemy's Vessels that lay at Anchor under the Torre de Estacio.

By Four o'Clock in the Morning the Boats were in Possession of the Vessels, viz. a Spanish Brig and a French Tartan, each of them mounting Six Guns, with a proportionable Number of Men; but unfortunately there was so little Wind, and the Current ran so strong, that they both got aground; and notwithstanding every Exertion was used for the Purpose of getting them off, it was found impossible, and at about Seven o'Clock they were abandoned; they would have been burnt had there not been so many Men, Women, and Children on board them, (many of whom were badly wounded, and our Boats could not remove them,) and Humanity induced Lieutenant Webster not to set them on Fire.

During the Performance of the abovementioned Service the Torre de Estacio kept up a constant Fire of Grape and Cannon upon our Boats and the captured Vessels, which wounded several of the Enemy and Two of our brave Fellows, viz. Mr. Thomas Baskin, Purser of the Grasshopper, who was a Volunteer, and commanded a Boat upon the Occasion, and Henry Garrett, Coxswain of the Renommée's Pinnace, both very badly.

The Loss the Enemy sustained was considerable in wounded, but none killed. The cool and gallant Conduct of every Officer and Man employed on the abovementioned Service entitles them to every Praise which is in my Power to bestow.

Lieutenant William Webster, who commanded, has in several such Instances distinguished himself.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

T. LIVINGSTONE.

Rear-Admiral Purvis, Esq. Esq. Esq.

Admiralty-Office, May 28, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Purvis to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated off Cadix, the 12th of May 1808.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inclose you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Usher, of His Majesty's Sloop the Redwing, representing another Instance of Bravery displayed by him on the 7th Instant, off Cape Trafalgar.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

JOHN. C. PURVIS.

His Majesty's Sloop Redwing, at Sea,
7th May 1808.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you, that this Morning at Daylight, Cape Trafalgar bearing W. N. W. about Six Miles, an Enemy's Convoy was discovered coming down along Shore. The Winds being very light and variable, I was not enabled to close with them before Seven o'Clock; at that Time, being within point-blank Shot, the Armed Vessels handed their Sails, and forming a close Line, swept towards us, indicating an Intention to board. The just Confidence I place in the Officers and Men that I have the Honour to command induced me to meet the Enemy upon his own Terms, and I endeavoured to close, to decide the Business as quick as possible, in order to secure the Merchantmen. Upon arriving within Musket-Shot, a quick and well-directed Fire was opened, our Guns doing great Execution. At Nine o'Clock, the Enemy completely Panic-struck and beaten, pushed their Vessels into a heavy Surf, sacrificing all their Wounded. I instantly sent a Boat to try and save as many as I could, as it was distressing to see their Situation, but our Men were unable to rescue one of them. The Merchant Vessels, seeing the Fate of their Convoy, attempted to disperse; some were sunk; others ran into the Surf, and, in a short Time, disappeared; the rest were captured, excepting Three, (Two of which were armed,) that it was not in my Power to come up with, owing to our crippled State, having Two Twenty-four-Pounders shot through the Foremast, One through the Mainmast, and One through the Gammoning of the Bow-sprit, that likewise cut the Knee of the Head asunder.

The steady and cool Conduct of the Officers and Men throughout deserve my warmest Praise; and had the Enemy possessed Resolution enough to have boarded, I could not doubt of the Result, though opposed to such superior Numbers. My First Lieutenant, Ferguson, on this as well as on many other Occasions, was a good Assistant to me. Nothing can exceed his cool determined Conduct, which I have so often witnessed. Lieutenant Webster likewise executed his Duty entirely to my Satisfaction, as well as Mr. Davis, Master, and Mr. Horniman, Purser, who were both wounded; the latter, I fear,