

Gratitude. The Disparity of Force, with the Loss in the Enemy's Ships, will prove the Greatness of their Exertions, to which I shall add, that Thirty Men were absent from the Ship. Mr. Downie, the First Lieutenant, is an Officer of Merit, Ability, and Experience; and I beg strongly to recommend him to your Lordship's Protection for Promotion. Mr. Letter, Master's-Mate, who has passed, is also very deserving of Promotion. Thomas Hully, Gunner's-Mate, and an excellent Man, acted as Gunner; and, from his Conduct, is very deserving of such a Situation.

I am now proceeding with the Prize for any Port I can get first into amongst the Islands, as it is with Difficulty we can keep her above Water.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN STEWART.

*The Right Hon. Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*On board His Majesty's Sloop Kingsfisher, off the Coast of Caramania, Cape Blanc bearing N. W. by N.*

MY LORD, Ten Leagues, June 27, 1808.

IT is with great Pleasure I have the Honour to inform you, that, at Daylight this Morning, I saw a large Sail in the S. W. which I immediately went in chase of, and, with the Assistance of the Sweeps, the Wind being very light, at Twelve o'Clock I had the Satisfaction of arriving up within Gun-shot of the Chace, who had hoisted French Colours, when I commenced firing on her, which she returned very warmly, and, after a running Fight of One Hour, she struck. She proves to be Le Hercule, a very fine new French Ship Letter of Marque, with a Cargo of Cotton on board, from Aleppo and Cyprus bound to Marseilles or Genoa, armed with Twelve Guns, Eighteens, Twelves, and Eights; manned with Fifty-seven Men; commanded by Monf. Gerome Cavassa, a Member of the Legion of Honour. I am happy in being able to say that I have every Reason to be pleased with the steady, excellent Conduct displayed by Mr. R. Standish, First Lieutenant, the other Officers, and Ship's Company on this Occasion. I had but One Man slightly wounded, but suffered very much in the Yards and running Rigging; the Enemy had One Man killed and Three wounded.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

W. HEPENSTALL.

*Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, &c. &c. &c.*

Admiralty-Office, October 25, 1808.

*Copy of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, to the Honourable William Wellesley Pole, dated on board the Ocean, at Sea, the 1st of September 1808.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Pleasure to inclose, to be laid before my Lords' Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter transmitted to me by Vice-Admiral Thornbrough from Captain Rosenhagen, of His Majesty's Ship the Volage; giving an Account of that Ship having captured, on the 28th of July last, the French Brig of War Requin, of Sixteen Guns, (pierced for Eighteen,) commanded by the Captain of Frigate Berar, with a Complement of One Hundred and Eight Men.

As this Vessel is represented to be nearly new, and fit for His Majesty's Service, I proposed causing her to be taken into it, if she is found so on Survey.

I also transmit a Letter, with its Inclosure, which I have received from the Honourable Captain Duncan, of His Majesty's Ship Porcupine, who on several former Occasions has praised, in the highest Terms, the Ability and Zeal evinced by Lieutenant Price, in conducting similar successful Enterprizes against the Enemy.

I am, &c.

COLLINGWOOD.

*His Majesty's Ship Volage, Agincourt-Sound, 8th August 1808.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that I arrived here Yesterday Morning with Le Requin French Brig, of Sixteen Guns, and One Hundred and Eight Men, which I had the good Fortune to fall in with in the Morning of the 28th Ultimo, a little to the Northward of Corsica, and captured her, after a hard Chace of Nine Hours, in which her Boats, Boom, and Anchors were thrown overboard.

She is commanded by Capitaine de Frégate Berar, Member of the Legion of Honour, and had left Ajaccio only the Morning before we fell in with her, having put in there on her Way from Algiers to Toulon, with Three Prizes taken on her Passage. She is a very fine Brig, pierced for Eighteen Guns, built at Rochfort only Fourteen Months since, and is the same which the Wizard engaged some Time ago.

The Number of Prisoners I have on board will make it necessary for me to go to Malta; but I shall return to my Station without Delay.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) O. L. J. ROSENHAGEN.

*Vice-Admiral Thornbrough, &c. &c. &c.*

Two of the Brig's Prizes belonged to the Lavinia and Spartan, whose Crews were recaptured.

*His Majesty's Ship Porcupine, at Sea, July 14, 1808.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honour to inform your Lordship, that on the Morning of the 9th Instant, being off Mount Citcello, on the Coast of Romania, I observed Two French Gun-Boats, with a Merchant Vessel under Convoy, going alongshore to the Westward; as the Ship was becalmed, I sent Lieutenant Price with the Boats in Pursuit of them; after a Row of Eight Hours in a hot Sun, he drove the latter on Shore, and forced the Gun-Boats to take shelter under the Batteries of Port Dango. At this Time, seeing Three very suspicious Vessels coming down with a fresh Breeze from the Westward, I was obliged to recal him; but before we could cut them off, they also got into the same Harbour. Next Morning I observed that One of them, a large Polacre Ship, lay further out than the others, and having reconnoitred, thought it possible to take her; I was the more induced to try it, from a Wish to give a Check to the Trade along this Coast, which they think from their numerous Batteries they can carry on without Molestation. As soon as it was dark the Boats went in, under the Command of Lieutenant Price, and, from under the heaviest Fire I ever saw, brought her out. She carries Eight long Six-Pounder Guns, and had on board between Twenty and Thirty Men, from Hieres Bay, bound to Naples with Salt.