

*Admiralty-Office, January 3, 1809.*

**V**ICE-ADMIRAL LORD COLLINGWOOD has, with his Letter of the 25th of October last, transmitted to the Honourable William Wellesley Pole a Letter from Captain Pearse, of His Majesty's Sloop the Halcyon, giving an Account of the Capture of the whole of a Convoy belonging to the Enemy under the Town of Diamante, on the 8th of September, by the above Sloop, the Weazle, (Captain Prescott,) and a Neapolitan Galley, with a Detachment of the British Army under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Bryce.

Lord Collingwood commends the Zeal and Dexterity of Captains Pearse and Prescott, as also the Ability with which the Co-operation of the Army was conducted on the above Enterprize, which was achieved without any Loss on our Part.

N. B. The Particulars of the above Affair are contained in the Letter and Inclosure from Lieutenant-General Sir John Stuart, inserted in the Gazette of the 13th Ultimo.

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*Copy of a Letter from Captain Thomas Harvey, of His Majesty's Ship the Standard, dated off Corfu, 26th June 1808; to Vice-Admiral Lord Collingwood, Commander in Chief in the Mediterranean, and transmitted by the latter to the Hon. W. W. Pole.*

MY LORD,

**A**T Daylight this Morning I fell in with La Volpe, Italian Gun-Boat, commanded by Ensign de Vaisseau Micheli Mangin, carrying an Iron Four-Pounder, with Twenty Men well armed. The La Legera, French Dispatch Boat, with a well-armed Crew of Fourteen Men, was with La Volpe. At Nine, the Wind failing, I sent the Pinnace with Lieutenant Russell and the Eight-oared Cutter with Captain [redacted] of the Royal Marines, (both Volunteers) [redacted]. After Two Hours' rowing, the Weather very hot, they approached La Volpe, who commenced a Fire of Musketry on them, which was returned with the Swivels, and, when near, with Muskets. On the Boats approaching each Quarter to board, the Gun-Boat pulled short round, and fired at the Cutter both Round and Grape; the Boats dashed at him, when he struck, and was taken Possession of by Captain Nicholls; Lieutenant Cull immediately pushed on in chase of La Legera. Some Time previous to this I had dispatched the Yawl, with Lieutenant John Alexander, to be ready to cut her off; which affording him the Opportunity of obliging her to run on Shore about Four Miles Northward of Cape St. Mary, the Crew formed on the Rocks above her, and endeavoured to prevent the Yawl's Approach; but she was taken Possession of by Lieutenant Alexander, who was immediately after joined by Lieutenant Cull and Captain Nicholls; they towed her out under a Fire of Musketry from the Shore, which was returned by our Marines in the Boats with great Spirit; one of the Frenchmen was seen killed. A French Ensign de Vaisseau was Passenger in La Legera. I was much gratified on the Return of the Boats in learning we had not suffered.

In this little Affair, the Gallantry and good Conduct of the Officers and Men concerned gave me very great Satisfaction; both Captain Nicholls and Lieutenant Cull speak in high Terms of the Assist-

ance they received from Messrs. Hames and Parker, Master's Mates of the Standard.

Monsieur Monier, Ensign de Vaisseau, on the Staff of General Dougelet of Corfu, was taken in La Volpe. I burnt both Vessels.

I remain, &c.

(Signed) THOMAS HARVEY.  
*The Right Honourable Lord Collingwood,  
&c. &c. &c.*

*Whitehall, December 16, 1808.*

The King has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto Sir William Pierce Ashe a'Court, of Heytesbury, in the County of Wilts, Bart. and Charles Knatchbull, of Babington-House, in the County of Somerset, Esq; Trustees named in the last Will and Testament of John Strode, late of Southill, in the Parish of West Cranmere, in the said County of Somerset, Esq; a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Somerset Militia, deceased, in behalf of Thomas Chetham, Esq; late a Captain in the Army, but now a Prisoner at Verdun in France, eldest Son and Heir of Thomas Chetham, formerly of Meller-Hall, in the County of Derby, and late of Russell-Place, in the Parish of St. Pancras, in the County of Middlesex, Esq; by Anne his Wife, youngest Daughter of Edward Strode, of Southill aforesaid, Esq; formerly a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, also deceased, and Sister of the said John Strode, His Royal Licence and Authority that he, the said Thomas Chetham, and his Issue may, in compliance with an Injunction contained in the last Will and Testament of his Uncle, the said John Strode, take and use the Surname of Strode, in addition to and after his present Surname, and also bear the Arms of Strode, quarterly in the first Quarter, with his own Family Arms; such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in the Heralds' Office:

And also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

#### LEGACY DUTY.

TO EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

**W**HEREAS it appears by the Abstracts of Wills and Letters of Administration, returned to the Stamp-Office from the several Ecclesiastical Courts, that the Duties granted by the Acts of the 36 Geo. 3. c. 52, 44 Geo. 3. c. 98, and 45 Geo. 3. c. 28, have not been paid in respect of divers Legacies and Annuities bequeathed by Will out of Personal or Real Estate, and in respect of divers Residues of Personal Estate given by Will, or devolved to Next of Kin upon Intestacies, particularly in Cases where the Executors were themselves Legatees, or Residuary Legatees, and where the Administrators were the sole Next of Kin of the Deceased;

This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners of Stamps are empowered, by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, to remit the Penalties incurred by Executors and others in consequence of the Non-payment of the abovementioned Duties within the Time prescribed by Law, provided the same be paid on or before the 31st of January 1809; and that after that Day the Commissioners of Stamps

