

Messrs. Stewart and Stovin, Midshipmen, is due whatever Credit may arise from such Mischief, and for having with so small a Force drawn about Two Thousand Troops from the important Fortrefs of Figueras in Spain, to the Defence of their own Coast.

The Conduct of Lieutenants Mapleton, Johnson, and Hore deserves my best Praise, as well as that of the other Officers, Royal Marines, and Seamen.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COCHRANE.

Right Honourable Lord Collingwood,
 &c. &c. &c.

Imperieuse—None killed; none wounded; one singled blowing up a Battery.

French—One Commanding Officer of Troops killed; how many others unknown.

His Majesty's Ship Kent, off Genoa,
 2d August 1808.

SIR,

I BEG Leave to acquaint you, that Yesterday, running along the Coast from Genoa towards Cape del Melle, we discovered a Convoy of Ten Sail of Coasters deeply laden, under the Protection of a Gun-Boat, at an Anchor close to the Beach abreast of the Town of Nolis; and as there appeared a fair Prospect of bringing them out by a prompt Attack, before the Enemy had Time to collect his Force, I instantly determined to fend in the Boats of the Kent and Wizard; and as there was but little Wind, I directed Captain Ferris, of the Wizard, to tow in and cover the Boats, which immediately put off, and, by great Exertion, soon towed her close to the Vessels, when it was found impossible to bring them out without landing, most of them being fastened to the Shore by Ropes from their Keels and Mast-Heads, the Boats therefore pulled to the Beach with great Resolution, exposed to the Fire of Two Guns in the Bow of the Gun-Boat, Two Field-Pieces placed in a Grove which flanked the Beach, a heavy Gun in Front of the Town, and a continued Fire of Musketry from the Houses; but these were no Check to the Ardour and Intrepidity of British Seamen and Marines, who leaped from the Boats, and rushed upon the Enemy with a fearless Zeal that was not to be resisted. The Gun in Front of the Town was soon taken and spiked by Lieutenant Chafman, Second of the Kent, who commanded the Seamen, and Lieutenant Hanlon the Royal Marines; and the Enemy, who had drawn up a considerable Force of Regular Troops in the Grove to defend the Two Field-Pieces, was dislodged by Captain Rea, who commanded the Royal Marines, and Lieutenant Grant of that Corps, who took Possession of the Field-Pieces, and brought them off. In the mean Time, Lieutenants Lindsay and Moresby of the Kent, and Lieutenant Bisset of the Wizard, who had equally distinguished themselves in driving the Enemy from the Beach, were actively employed in taking Possession of the Gun-Boat, and freeing the Vessels from their Fast to the Shore; and I had soon the Satisfaction to see our People embark, and the whole of the Vessels coming out under the protecting Fire of the Wizard, which, by the judicious Conduct of Captain Ferris, contributed very essentially to keep the Enemy in Check, both in the Advance and Retreat of the Boats.

I should have Pleasure in noticing the Midship-

men and others who were conspicuous in this little Enterprize, but I fear that I have already given a longer Detail than it may be thought worthy of, and shall therefore only beg Leave to add, that One Seaman killed, and One badly wounded, (since dead) both of the Kent, is all the Loss we sustained. The Enemy left many dead on the Ground.

The Gun-Boat was a National Vessel, called *La Vigilante*, commanded by an *Enseigne de Vailleau*, with a Complement of Forty-five Men.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

THOMAS ROGERS.

Edward Thornborough, Esq; Vice-Admiral
of the White, &c. &c. &c.

Killed.

James Skinner, Captain of Foretop.

Wounded.

William Palmer, Able Seaman, since dead.

P. S. Since writing the above, the Boats of the Kent and Wizard have brought out, without Mischief, from under the Guns of a Fort near Leghorn, where they had taken Shelter, Three laden Vessels, and burnt a Fourth, which was aground and could not be got off.

Admiralty-Office, January 7, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral the Honourable 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 the *Neptune*, off Point Salmes, Martinique, November 10, 1808.

SIR,

I HAVE great Satisfaction in inclosing, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of a Letter from Captain Pigot, of His Majesty's Ship *Circe*, acquainting me with the Capture of the French Corvette *Palineur*; the last of the Two which were so gallantly beaten by His Majesty's Sloop *Goree*, commanded by Captain Spear, the other having been brought in by the *Pompee* some Time since.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE.

His Majesty's Ship Circe, off Port Royal,
Martinique, October 31, 1808.

SIR,

I HAVE the Pleasure of acquainting you, that at Daylight I observed a Brig under Jury-Masts coming before the Wind, and on my making Sail, hauled close round the Diamond Rock. It being nearly calm, she was enabled, with her Sweeps and a Boat, to get under the Protection of a Battery on Point Solomon before we came up with her; when, after an Action of Ten or Fifteen Minutes, she struck her Colours.

She proves to be the *Palineur*, commanded by Monsieur Fourniers, a French National Brig, of Fourteen Twenty-four-Pounder Carronades, and Two Six-Pounder Guns, had but Seventy-nine Men on board, most of whom were Troops of the 82d Regiment. I have to regret the Loss of One Man killed and One wounded; the Enemy, Seven killed and Eight wounded. The Battery was so much above us, that few, if any, Shots were fired at it.

I am, &c.

(Signed) H. PIGOT, Captain.

To Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander
Cochrane, K. B. &c. &c. &c.