

Service distinguished himself very much, and speaks of the Gallantry of Messrs. Brooke and Rigmaiden, of the same Sloop, in very handsome Terms, who, with the Boats of the Circe, Amaranthe, and Stork, boarded her under a heavy Fire from the Batteries and Troops on Shore. Lieutenant Hay, finding her bilged and impossible to get her off, effectually destroyed her in the Evening. Captain Brenton again volunteered to destroy the Schooner then on Shore; I ordered Lieutenant George Robinson, Second of the Amaranthe, but Acting First of the Circe, with my Order, on this Occasion, to follow the Directions of Captain Brenton. At Nine o'Clock I had the Pleasure to see her on Fire, and burnt to the Water's Edge. I am sorry to add, that on this Service, Mr. Jones, Master of the Amaranthe, was wounded; and One Seaman killed, and Three wounded, belonging to the Exprels.

The Captains, Officers, and Crews of the Squadron you did me the Honour to place under my Command, behaved with that Coolness and Intrepidity inherent in British Seamen, particularly the Amaranthe, whose gallant Conduct was noticed by the whole Squadron. From the Troops of the Royal York Rangers, under the Command of Lieutenant Wright, doing Duty as Marines, I received every Assistance. Lieutenant Crook, who commanded the Boats, I am sorry to say, is severely wounded in Four Places; the Loss of this gallant young Man's Services are severely felt on board the Circe. I am likewise sorry to add, that Mr. Coleman, Purser, is among the Number that is dangerously wounded; his Conduct on this, and other Occasions, deserves my warmest Approbation.

On boarding, we discovered the Brig destroyed was the La Cygne, of Eighteen Guns and One Hundred and Forty Men, with Flour, Guns, and Cartridge-Paper, for the Relief of Martinique. The Two Schooners had likewise Flour, and were armed; I have not yet learnt their Force or Names; I am happy to say, that the one left off the Pearl is on Shore bilged.

In the Performance of this Service, our Loss in killed and wounded, I am sorry to say, has been very great; but I have the Consolation to think, that it was in the Execution of an indispensable Duty; and the grand Object of cutting off the Supplies of the Enemy, will, I trust, justify the Means which I have adopted, if not afford a small Consolation to the Relatives of those who fell.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) F. A. COLLIER.

Rear-Admiral Sir A. Cochrane,
Esq. &c. &c.

A List of Killed and Wounded on board the Squadron under the Command of Francis A. Collier, Esq; in Action with the Enemy off Martinique, the 12th and 13th Days of December 1808.

Circe—9 killed, 21 wounded, 26 missing—56.

Amaranthe—1 killed, 6 wounded.—7.

Stork—1 killed, 1 wounded.—2.

Exprels—1 killed, 3 wounded.—4.

Epervier—None killed or wounded.

Morne Fortunée—None killed or wounded.

Total—12 killed, 31 wounded, 26 missing.—69.

(Signed) F. A. COLLIER, Captain.

Admiralty-Office, February 4, 1809.

Copy of another Letter from Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alex. Cochrane, K. B. to the Hon. W. W. Pole, dated on board the Neptune, at Barbadoes, the 23d of December 1808.

SIR,

I INCLOSE, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter from Captain Sanders, of His Majesty's Sloop Bellette, acquainting me with the Capture of a French Letter of Marque laden with Provisions, from Bourdeaux.

I also inclose Captain Spear's Letter, of the Goree, which I had not before received, giving an Account of the Capture of a French Letter of Marque bound to Bourdeaux from Martinique.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) ALEX. COCHRANE.

*His Majesty's Sloop Bellette, at Sea,
December 5, 1808.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to inform you, that His Majesty's Sloop Bellette, under my Command, has captured the French Brig Letter of Marque Revanche, of Six Guns, Twelve-Pounders, pierced for Eighteen, with a Complement of Forty-four Men, laden with Provisions, from Bourdeaux bound to Guadaloupe. She has been a very successful Privateer all this War, and was intended for a Cruizer in those Seas.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEO. SANDERS.

To the Hon. Sir Alex. Cochrane, K. B. Rear-Admiral of the Red, &c. &c. &c.

*His Majesty's Sloop Goree, Barbadoes,
30th November 1808.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint you, on the 24th Instant, Thirty Leagues West of Guadaloupe, I captured, in His Majesty's Sloop under my Command, the Admiral Villaret, a French Ship Letter of Marque, mounting Eight Guns, (Four of which she threw overboard in the Chace,) and a Complement of Thirty-two Men; from Martinique bound to Bourdeaux, laden with Sugar, Coffee, and Cotton.

I am, &c.

JOSEPH SPEAR.

Rear-Admiral Sir Alex. Cochrane, K. B.

Esq. &c. &c.

Admiralty-Office, February 4, 1809.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Lord Gambier, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Channel, Soundings, &c. to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on board the Caledonia, in Torbay, the 30th of last Month.

SIR,

I INCLOSE herewith, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Letter I have this Day received from Captain Broke, dated the 27th Instant, acquainting me with the Capture of the French Cutter Privateer Pommereuil, of Fourteen Guns and Sixty Men, by His Majesty's Ship Shannon, under his Command.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

GAMBIER.

*His Majesty's Ship Shannon, off Isle Bas,
My Lord, 27th January 1809.*

I HAVE the Honour to inform you the Shannon captured this Day, after a long Chase to Les-